

Congregation Ohav Shalom

Cemetery Committee Report

Congregational Meeting
January, 2022

Church Road – The Cemetery on Church Rd. is in good condition. We had a professional “tree guy” take down two large trees that were dead/dying. These trees were removed for both safety and aesthetic reasons and were on the left of the driveway entrance near Church Rd.

Reservations of plots at Church Rd. continue at a brisk pace. The number of vacant plots at Church Rd. is very limited at this time and is the primary reason that we developed the new area at the Western Avenue (across from Crossgates) (see below).

Western Avenue – Over the past 12 months we have developed 0.9 acres at the Western Avenue Cemetery of wooded property that Ohav Shalom owned. We hired an engineer, bid out the work, and cleared the area. Grass has been planted and hopefully will grow nicely in the spring. As of today, the area that we cleared of trees is “not yet” a cemetery and is “just cleared land”. Things that need to occur before plots can be sold/reserved at Western Avenue;

1. The Rabbi will hold a “dedication/consecration ceremony” at some point in the Spring which will be publicized to the Congregation.
2. The Contractor will provide us with a “plot map”.

The new area at Western Avenue has benches, ornamental trees, and was laid out in a manner that can maximize the number of plots. Once completed there will be over 700 plots available and should serve Ohav for many years to come. The Congregation had funds in a separate and dedicated account that were used to pay for all the work that was done at Western Avenue.

The Rabbi(s), Religious Life, Executive Committee, and Board were involved in all the discussions relating to the new cemetery.