

## **BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY POLICY**

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1. No burial sites will be opened and no burials take place without notification to and approval by the Bearville Township personnel. The payment for the burial shall be received prior to the burial taking place. See the attached schedule for fees.
2. Sites will be opened upon proper authorization from the township, by authorized personnel only, after the request from the funeral home handling the burial.
3. A vault is not required for casket burials.
4. Two (2) urns and one coffin or three (3) urns are allowed per site. Urns are to be at least 2 feet deep and can be buried on an occupied gravesite.
5. Natural burials need a natural fabric shroud or a biodegradable natural wood, wicker or paper casket. Burial depth is at least 4 feet deep.
6. Only one headstone per family lot. The base of the headstone is not to exceed 5 feet in length, or 16 inches in width. Overall height, base included, is not to exceed 3 feet. The Township must be notified prior to the installation of headstones or before moving existing ones.
7. Foot markers may be installed only after interment. These are to be at grass level to facilitate mowing.  
Double flat markers are acceptable as a headstone.
8. No metal, brick, wood, cement, wire, rock or plastic borders shall be permitted around graves or headstones. No shrubbery or trees shall be permitted on any cemetery lot. All live flowers shall be in a pot, urn or box.
9. Memorials must be removed 14 days after Memorial Day or after the burial. All flowers and memorials must be removed from the entire cemetery by October 15.
10. The Town of Bearville will not be responsible for damage to existing trees, shrubs, flower beds or other items that interfere with cemetery digging or mowing operations.
11. The Township Sexton or Clerk has the duty to enter upon any lot or grave to prohibit, modify or remove and dispose of any structure or object which may have been placed there in violation of these rules or regulations or which may be considered dangerous or interfere with cemetery operation or upkeep.
12. Bearville Township reserves the right to alter or add to this policy as deemed necessary for the operation of the cemetery. Prior notification is not required of any changes to this policy.

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Policy Reviewed and authorized by Bearville Township Board May 10, 2017