



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Trotwood Granted Court Order for Preliminary Injunctive Relief Against Bear Creek -Hillgrove Cemetery Association**

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(Trotwood Ohio)- The City of Trotwood was granted a court order for preliminary injunctive relief against Bear Creek-Hillgrove Cemetery. The order gives the city the authority and discretion to handle cemetery operations and maintenance during the pending litigation filed by the city against Bear Creek Cemetery Association.

“This is the first step to bringing dignity and honor back to the cemetery while preparing for its future with the care and respect our residents deserve,” said Trotwood Mayor Mary A. McDonald

During this period, the city will not conduct any new burials at the cemetery and will temporarily close operations until the cemetery can be restored to a respectable place for people to bury their loved ones. However, the city will honor any prepaid burial arrangements. Supporting documentation must be supplied.

We further ask for patience as we gain control of the Bear Creek-Hillgrove Cemetery, review records, and begin restoring dignity after death and protecting the sanctity of human remains.

We also want to thank the volunteers who have been working tirelessly to help maintain the cemetery since being abandoned.

“We are going to do everything we can to protect the souls in this cemetery,” said Trotwood City Manager Quincy E. Pope Sr.

For those seeking additional information regarding prepaid burial arrangements or general questions, please contact City of Trotwood Clerk of Council, Kara Landis at (937) 854-7212 or email: [klandis@trotwood.org](mailto:klandis@trotwood.org)