

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT

June 22, 2015

MINUTES

Member Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and members held a moment of silence for the departed.

Member Lundberg read the Public Announcement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, dated June 16, 2015.

Roll Call: Dan Clayton – *Absent, excused*
Mike Ebert – *Absent*
William Hegarty – Present
Paul Hodson – Present
Douglas Lundberg, Jr. – Present
Pat Moschetto – Absent
John Rush – Present

Guests: Brian Borowski, Township Veteran
Donna Prisament, Township Resident
Stephen Prisament, Boy Scout Troop 254
Steve Prisament, Asst. Chief, Scullville Fire Company
SFC Robert Williams, Active Duty Army Veteran, current NJ Army NG

APPROVALS

§ Minutes of June 1, 2015

The meeting minutes were discussed.

→ Motion made by Hegarty, second Hodson. All present voted- yes.

MISCELLANEOUS BOARD BUSINESS

None discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

⌘ Flag Day 2015

Members discussed the Flag Day program. Member Lundberg stated why there was a lower turnout than usual, the reason being the usual participants unable to attend due to it being held on a weekend.

Member Hegarty and Lundberg was pleased otherwise with how the program turned out and saw nothing that needed to be fixed or improved.

⌘ Veterans Memorial Beautification

Member Lundberg refreshed the members and guests on the current possibilities in improving the Veterans Memorial.

Member Lundberg introduced Stephen Prisament who is looking to help the Board on this project to help fulfill the requirements of his Eagle Scout Project.

Members looked over the map Member Lundberg produced. Brian Borowski asked for a more eye level approach, so Member Hodson asked Robert Williams to see if he had resources for such a map.

Member Rush discussed the prospect of the pathway and assembly area bricks to be engraved. Rush stated there are multiple companies that would do it, for approximately \$50-90 a brick.

Member Lundberg stated he was worried it would be commercialized with business advertisements. Lundberg recommended that if the Board decides to do a brick engraving program that certain rules and guidelines be established to control who could have a brick engraved.

Members in general were worried about the manpower needed to carryout an brick engraving program and the Board inability to deal with the money concerning the same.

Member Lundberg stated he was in contact with the Township Historical Society concerning the memorial stone/plaque focalpoint. Lundberg's idea of having names of important Township residents from early conflicts will be tough to do as the Historical Society reported it would be over 100 names. The Historical Society will continue to look into possibilities.

Donna Prisament stated that she thought the stone/plaque could feature lesser-known aspects of the military, for one example, the Army Air Corps of World War II.

Stephen Prisament stated that he would be able to assist the board with the benches, landscaping, planting of trees, and other hands on aspects of the improvements. Stephen also mentioned the possibility of doing a special historical tree planting and welcome sign to the Memorial at the beginning of the new pathway from the Library.

In summary, Members decided that:

→ Handicap Walkway: From the corner of the lot to the back of the current memorial. Walkway pavers, with benches and landscaping. Aesthetically pleasing curves like the current walkway from Ocean Heights.

→ Assembly Area: Walkway pavers. Aesthetically pleasing arch, 30 foot out from the current Memorial circle. Directed towards Swift Drive. The new memorial stone/plaque will be placed here.

→ General improvements: New trashcans. New benches.

Member Hodson stated he would begin presenting this to the Township Committee on Wednesday.

§ September 11th Ceremony

Member Lundberg reminded the Board that the September 11th Ceremony is approaching. It will be held at Farmington's Fire Station. Lundberg stated the Civil Air Patrol is interested in providing the color guard, and that Alder Avenue Middle School Chorus is interested in providing vocal.

§ Veterans Day Essay Contest

Member Lundberg reminded the Board that the Veterans Day contest is approaching later in the year. Lundberg stated that the two Township 6th grades are interested in participating again this year but that they need the information before school starts in order to make it part of the curriculum instead of an add on program. Member Hodson said the Board will make sure of it.

NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Cardiff VFW.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:10 PM:
→ Motion made by Rush, second Hegarty. All present voted- yes.



Douglas Lundberg, Member
Acting Secretary