

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT
September 23, 2013

MINUTES

Paul Hodson called the meeting to order.

Paul Hodson led the Pledge of Allegiance and members held a moment of silence for the departed.

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

APPROVALS

§ Minutes of August 27, 2013

Read and corrected to change Dan Clayton from being present to absent, excused. All members approved with said correction.

OLD BUSINESS

§ Veterans Memorial Park

Deputy Mayor Hodson brought the committee up to speed on the condition of the park. He is still trying to get the county and township together and work out the logistics to improve the park.

§ Pathway Bricks

Member Rush reported he is still getting suggestions and ideas for the bricks and walkways to be installed.

Member Lundberg brought up the idea; now that the Nature Reserve is open to the public, we could use the bricks at the location as more of the public utilize it more than Veterans Memorial Park. The committee discussed the idea and decided that the reason for the bricks was to make Veterans Memorial Park more handicap friendly for the public. Deputy Mayor Hodson suggested that we bring up the Nature Reserve ideas at a later date.

§ EHT Police Honor Guard

Member Lundberg informed the committee that the EHT Police Honor Guard will be present at our events in the future.

§ Status of Dodson Resignation

The board received a copy of Robert Dodson's resignation from the board addressed to the Mayor and dated September 16, 2013. The board accepted this letter as his resignation.

Member Lundberg suggested that the committee send Mr. Dodson a Certificate of Appreciation for his service on the board.

NEW BUSINESS

§ Atlantic County Freeholders Meeting

Member Rush suggested any committee member who is able to attend the Atlantic County Freeholders meeting should do so. The topic will be the contracts For-Vets (the set aside to help vet business owners and vets getting work in the county).

§ 9/11 Ceremony

Member Lundberg requested the committee send a letter or certificate to the Eagle Academy for their help in making the 9/11 ceremony a great success.

Deputy Mayor Hodson suggested the committee look into getting a sound system for our events. Members will look into same, maybe from donations.

§ Miscellaneous

Member Lundberg reported as a point of information that the VFW Post 8098 of Cardiff will be donating \$1,000 to the Cardiff Volunteer Fire Company on October 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

§ Veterans Day Essay Contest

Beth Epstein, a big supporter of the advisory board suggested that a gazebo at Veterans Memorial Park would be a nice draw for veterans to get married at. Ms. Epstein also presented four (4) gift cards for Walmart worth \$25 each, compliments of the Atlantic County Toys for Kids Program, Fraternal Order of Police NJ Lodge #112. The gift cards are for the winners of our annual Veterans Day Essays. The township middle schools and the Atlantic Christian School will participate. All essay entries must be in the Mayors Office by October 28th so that the board can decide that evening at their scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting to be held on October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Ebert second Hegarty to adjourn the meeting. Vote: all present voted, yes.

John Rush, Member
Secretary