

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
1:00 PM
Township Hall
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, MI 49333
MINUTES

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Veterans Memorial
Committee
Meeting 5.5.2021

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Dave VanHouten.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Larry Knowles, Frank Fiala, John Frigmanski, Dave VanHouten, Ron Heilman, Sandy Marcukaitis, Greg Purcell
Design Advisor: Don Williamson
Absent with notice: Dan Miller on Watch at the Fire Station
Absent with no notice: Bruce Campbell

ROLL CALL

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve by Frank Fiala, Second by Larry Knowles.
Yes 7. No 0

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Update of Plan of Action

Strategy on development of Veterans Memorial

1. Don Williamson spent some time review where we have been on drawings and where we are now. Don reviewed his drawing that he felt reflected the wishes of the committee.
2. After a good deal of discussion by the committee it was decided to delete the new, proposed sidewalk and bench. Don has agreed to complete the new drawing in the next couple days and get it to the office. From there we will email it to committee members. This final draft will get one more vote by the committee and we will sign and date it.
3. A motion was made by Ron Heilman with a second from Larry Knowles to approve the conceptual drawing discussed with a cost not to exceed \$18,000. Vote Yes 5 No 1 (wants to see location of flag pole) and 1 abstained (as he missed last meeting).
4. BOT is reminded that the Veterans Fund has \$11,473. We are developing a campaign to raise more money to cover the shortage but for now are asking the BOT to approve using funds that are coming from the casino in July. We want to get this project moving forward.
5. BOT should be aware that the committee feels that the minor maintenance charge for landscaping and the small electrical use for the lighting be added to the Fire Station Maintenance account. The township should also budget for flag replacement once or twice a year.
6. Greg Purcell with help from Sandy Marcukaitis will pen a letter, with a copy of the project, asking for donations from businesses and individuals.
7. Items that we do not want to forget in the drawing: (in no particular order)
 - a. Benches – eliminated at this time
 - b. Types of lighting and location are in process. Sandy working on a firm quote.
 - c. Flag Pole and Flag...height approx 25 ft from grade to top, with flag
 - d. Bricks to be 4x8. Existing names engraved on tiles will be redone on the bricks at no cost to the families. There are 46 engraved bricks that need to be replaced and the balance of the field will be blank (about 200 bricks)
 - e. Cut existing concrete to remove tiles. Excavate; provide 6” each of Stone, Gravel, and Sand for resetting brick.
 - f. Top soil and hydro seed around Monument
 - g. Landscaping to be low maintenance but nice looking. John is talking to a landscaper for

- recommendations.
- h. We do not believe we will need to move any sprinklers
- i. Establish a budget not to exceed \$18,000
- j. The committee thanked Don for his service providing the drawings. Don is a Veteran so it was decided that the committee would purchase a brick for the memorial in his honor. Dave is getting the information and will make it happen.
- k. Greg and Dave will stake out recommended sites for the Flag.
- 8. Motion to adjourn by Larry. Second by John.
 - a. Vote: Yes 6 No 0 One person had to leave a tad early and missed this last vote

Dates for next meeting(s):

**Next in person meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 1 PM at the Fire Station.
 Note the location....Fire Station**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting drew to a close at approximately 2:35 pm
 Respectfully submitted:

Dave VanHouten
 Committee Secretary 5.5.2021

Date: _____

Approved : _____
 Michael Cunningham, Township Clerk

ADJOURNMENT