

**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Meeting

regarding the Veterans Memorial Location Sketch Drawings

Monday, September 18, 2017

6:30 p.m.

**Yankee Springs Fire Station
1425 S. Payne Lake Rd., Wayland, Michigan 49348**

MINUTES

FINAL MINUTES
Spec. Mtg/BOT Vet. Mem. Review
Location Sketch/Drawings
9.18.17

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by M. Englerth, Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

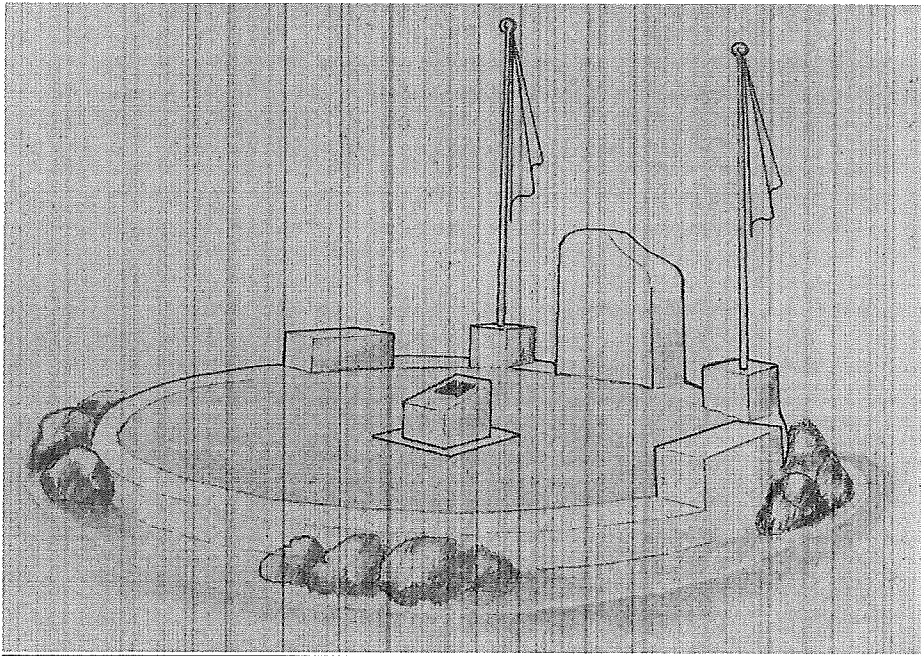
Present: M. Englerth (Supervisor), A. Jansma (Treasurer), J. Lippert (Clerk)
S. VandenBerg (Trustee), G. Purcell (Planning Commission), Pat Kreple joined the
meeting at 7:25 p.m. P. Kreple was not sure of meeting time or location.

ROLL CALL

Absent with Notice: R. Rottschafer (Trustee)

Also Present: Mr. Don Williamson, Planner/Designer for Veterans Memorial.

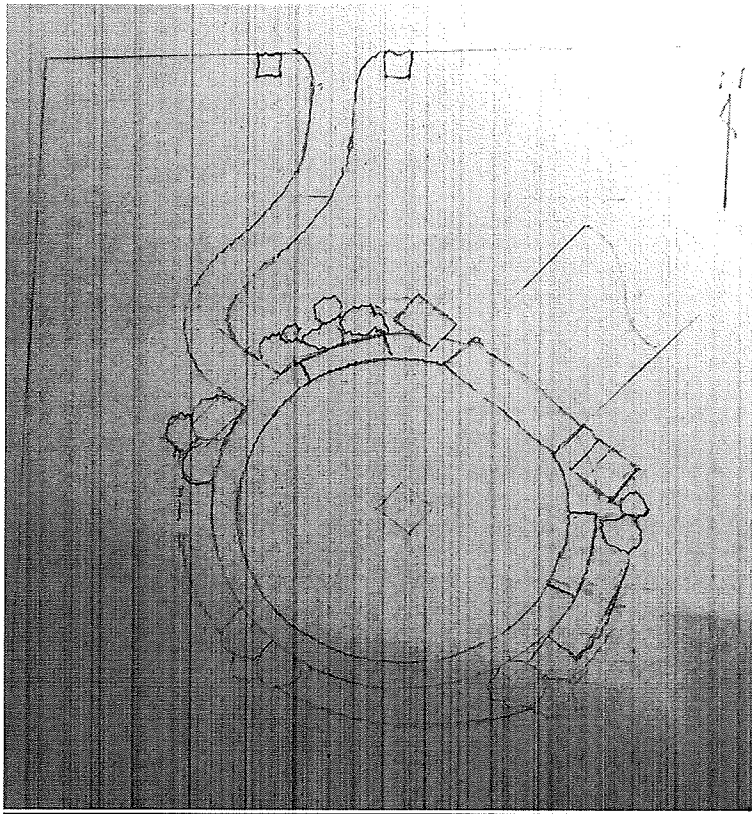
**Purpose of Meeting: To Review location sketch/drawings (on Fire Station Property)
of Veteran's Memorial designed by Don Williamson.**



**The above sketch by Don Williamson shows two flags, one being the American flag; the other a P.O.W. /M.I.A. flag. Other branches of the U.S. Military are depicted on the monument (stone). Brick pavers would be in the shaded gray circular area. Sidewalk could also have brick pavers. Twenty brick pavers have been purchased so far.*

Conversation occurred regarding using the existing flagpole at entrance of fire station. Y.S. Veterans at a recent open house voiced their strong desire to have the Memorial visible from M-179. Discussion occurred on cost of concrete work which would be substantial. Base/foundation would be needed for the large monument stone. This base would be in addition to circular concrete form for the Memorial. Also discussed was the wording on monument. The wording "Yankee Springs Township" would appear at the bottom of the monument as not to take away from the purpose of the monument which is to honor our Veterans. In the center of the above drawing would be a place to put a plaque. The plaque may document the date of dedication or possibly the names of those who died in combat.

Aerial View of Veterans Memorial: *Top of sketch (below) denotes the south edge of the Fire Station's parking lot. Left side of sketch is S. Payne Lake Rd. (West).*



Motion by Englerth with support from Jansma to put 100 yards of sand tomorrow a.m., 9/19/17, at the future site of construction of the Veterans Memorial. 4 Ayes. (Rottschafer absent). MOTION CARRIED.

M. Englerth commented that he will draw up specs for bids for concrete work that most likely will be done in the Spring (2018).

Motion to put 100 yds. of sand of Veterans Memorial.

Motion by Englerth with support from Jansma to have 16 foot circle size/design for Veterans Memorial . All ayes. (Rottschafer absent). MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Englerth with support from Jansma to order monument (stone) (with engraving change “Yankee Springs Township” now at the bottom of stone) on Wednesday with a purchase order- approximate cost \$15,200. (Wording/engraving included). ROLL CALL VOTE: Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Rottschafer: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

M. Englerth asked Don Williamson if he would sign off on the wording/engraving of the stone monument. D. Williamson commented he would do so, but would prefer to be accompanied by a committee member.

Motion by Jansma with support from Englerth to designate up to \$20,000 from casino funds to fund start of construction of Veterans Memorial. CALL for DISCUSSION by S. VandenBerg.

Discussion occurred. It was clarified that casino funds used to start the Veterans Memorial construction would be replaced by funds obtained by Veterans Memorial fundraising efforts. Discussion also occurred regarding contacting Gun Lake Tribe to inform them of plans for casino funds. M. Englerth commented that he would contact the Assistant Chief of Gun Lake Tribe and inform of Veteran Memorial plans.

After discussion, a **Withdrawal of Previous Motion** took place:
{Motion by Jansma with support from Englerth to WITHDRAW previous motion to designate up to \$20,000 of casino funds for Veterans Memorial (start of construction).
MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Motion (or Re-motion) by Lippert to designate up to \$20,000 from casino funds to fund start of construction of Veterans Memorial. MOTION FAILED due to lack of support (no second).

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

For the record, per request of Roger Rottschafer, Trustee:

Clerk Lippert received the following message from Rottschafer via text/gmail today (9/18/17) at 3:37 p.m: *I won't be calling in for tonight's meeting. I wash my hands of it. I'm no longer on the (Veterans Memorial) committee.*

The Current Committee is made of the following: Mark Englerth, Pat Kreple, Greg Purcell, Alice Jansma, Don Williamson, and J. Lippert.

Auction Fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 14th, at 10:00 a.m. Attended donations can be made every Saturday leading up to Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

J. Lippert will have the LED sign changed after the Planning Commission meeting to inform the public of the upcoming Auction.

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Motions to vote on 16' circle size memorial and order monument (stone).

Motion to designate a portion of casino funds to start of Vet. Memorial construction.

Previous Motion for designation of casino funds **WITHDRAWN.**

Re-Motion of designation of casino funds to start of Vet. Memorial construction. **MOTION FAILED**

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Lippert with support from Jansma at 7:48 p.m.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 9.18.17

Date: Board Approval October 12, 2017

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Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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(ADJOURNMENT)