

Veteran's Memorial Park Committee Meeting, 1 Feb. 2017

Special meeting called by the Chairman to convene at 6:30 PM, Feb 1st, 2017 at the park HQ.

Present: Dave Lahey Gary DeBord Dave Neel Randy Hardin

Terry Garland Mike Cecchetti Al Wikoff Rich Sanders

Tom Bushman Keane Hudson

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

The chairman then turned the meeting over to Al W. for his presentation.

Al W. The Air Force has offered us an F86L aircraft located in Hazlehurst, MS. It was at a VFW post that has ceased operation. We were 4th on the list but hose above has decided not to accept it. Al had pictures of the plane that the Bowling Green people had taken when they looked at the plane. They are taking a Huey helicopter and passed on the jet. The plane is in rough shape, but no worse than the F105 was when we got it. The canopy is missing the glass but the frame is still there. It has some bullet holes in it and is sitting on the ground. Replacement canopies are available. The paint has some mold and moss on it, but otherwise the base plane is in good shape. It was looked up in one of our books and the approximate dimensions were 39 ft long and 36ft across and 14 ft high. Much smaller than the F105 was. Tom Houck had drawn up a plan for a possible location. Willett Trucking can provide transportation from MS. Discussion followed on possibilities and procedures. Al said the Air Force would give us some time to make a decision. But they need an up or down if interested, before providing us with more details. Randy H. made a motion that we let the Air Force know we are interested, and a scout team be sent to MS. to look everything over. Seconded by Tom B. Passed by voice vote. Al will get the program set up and let everyone know the details.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave N. Seconded by Terry G. and passed by voice vote at 7:31.

Submitted by Randy Hardin

Minutes of the November 16th, 2016 Veteran's Memorial Park Committee.

Present: Terry Garland Gary DeBord Dave Lahey Al Wikoff Dave Neel
 Keane Hudson Tom Bushman Mike Cecchetti Rich Sanders Randy Hardin

Meeting opened at 6:45 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Public comment: None

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion to accept was made by Tom B. seconded by Terry G. and passed by voice vote.

The treasurer's report was presented and discussed. A motion to accept was made by Tom B. and seconded by Gary D. and passed by voice vote.

HQ- Tom B. Al W. is getting copies of the book by Ed Rocks, his name is on the F105. Cost about \$40 hard and soft cover. He will try and get them signed.

Artifacts- Al W./Keane H. Nothing at this time. Thanks for Mike's help, Chuck Parmesal both helped with the plane and marked the colors. We should send Chuck a letter of appreciation, Keane H. will send it.

Grounds- Mike C. Are we bringing fill in? Dave L. no action from the city. Keane H. no response from Hodap on the relaying of the stones. Terry G. we should bring dirt in before the fill so it can settle. Dave L. the herbicide has been applied.

Flags-Gary D. they will stay up for now and maybe be taken down after T-Day.

Website-Dave L. this is a work in progress.

Stones-Rich S. 2 orders in so far. Do we want to put ads in for the holidays? Consensus was yes.

Old Business

Service Dog memorial, Terry G./ Mike C. Full size dog 9-10K. Should we run a fundraiser to support this? Bids on some other options, etching rather than plaque? Discussion followed. Motion to table until the next meeting, Dave N. seconded by Tom B. Vote was 9 aye, 1 nay Terry Garland.

Storage Building-Keane H. Presented several options. Discussion followed. No further action taken.

New Business

Memorial Donations-Rich S. what could we use this for? Flag Repair, artifact maintenance? A policy should be set for this. Motion to approve "Memorial maintenance fund policy" presented by Rich. One change from Flags to "flag poles and apparatus". Flag cost to be taken from the general fund. Seconded by Dave N. Passed by voice vote.

Duece ½ - Dave L. Store it or let it sit. Should be stored. He will look into options.

2017 wish list- Dave L. Keane did a nice job in 2016, should be the model for 2017.

Calendar-Randy H. Presented a proposed calendar of meetings for 2017. Consensus was to change the November meeting to the 3rd Wed. It will be so revised.

Fundraising- All Ideas were to get a date from Oliver's for a cookout, a Pancake breakfast, Tom B. will check to see if Feb 12th at the VFW is open.

Commissioner's comments

Keane H. Just confirming that First Responders are red stones. It is Red Stones.

Dave L. If needed we can call a special session for the Wardog memorial.

Rich S. Tax exemptions for donations is OK for the city, if for the use of the people. Our donations fit this.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM by Tom B. and Gary D. passed by voice vote.

Next meeting Feb 22nd, 2017 at the HQ at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Randy Hardin