

Minutes of the October 28th, 2020 Veteran's Memorial Park Committee Meeting

Present: Dave Lahey Keane Hudson Mike Mills Butch Pfeifer Randy Hardin
Terry Stephanitch Charles Thomas Gary DeBord Al Wikoff
Tom Bushman Scott Brinkmeier
Guest Dalton

The meeting opened at 6:32pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Public comment: None

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Charlie T. Seconded by Keane H. and passed by voice vote.

Financial report was distributed and discussed. Motion to accept the report was made by Terry S. and seconded by Gary D. and passed by voice vote.

Artifacts: Al W. Warren Michigan wants a contact for the city, an email or fax. If they have trouble getting rid of some small items that we can accept, we could add them into the museum. If it is a small item we can go get it in a pickup. Loach helicopter, maybe we can borrow one from one that is in storage. Keane H. Helicopter blade tiedowns have been replaced. Terry S. the stairs by the helo will wait until after Veteran's Day to remove them. Keane H. he is lined up for an auction in Rockford of WW2 items. Email Al W. with ideas for bidding.

Grounds: Dave L. Nothing to put out. Mike M. water has been cut off, and lines blown out. Butch P. there may be some settling around the new dirt and we may need to refill. Dave L. new building keep the heat at 60 degrees to keep pipes from bursting.

Legacy stones: Keane H. nothing to add. Mike M. we need some edger stones. Butch P. they mave some edger boards that can be donated.

Flags: Gary D. After Vetran's Day the flags will be pulled.

Old business

Security Cameras, discussion about what we have and what can be added. We need something to cover the quiet area.

Old system to Dalton, no motion needed.

Walkway, prestressed concrete walkway from Rockford plant that used to be in Rochelle. 2 slabs 30' by 10' would cover the walk with some concrete work to mate it up to the aircraft pad. It would need some type of handrails at points along the walkway.

Al W. Lights at the field cross and walkways are all on.

New business

Tom B. Veteran's Day ceremony at 11am on November 11th. Minister and Mayor speaking. If inclement weather it will move to the VFW.

Keane H. marie Foley Dixon class of 1950, they would like to donate to the park.

Commissioner comments

Scott B. cover for the water input. Motion to buy the cover as described by Mike Mills made by Al W. second by Scott B and passed by voice vote.

Butch P. follow up on the front door they can turn the door upside down so it opens out. Have we talked to Shelby on the website? Roger Willey could be a better option that the service Shelby has provided us.

Mike M. gun raffle going well. Started selling two new guns.

Charlie T. treasurer stuff he will be gone Dec to May. We may need a new treasurer and not the chairperson.

Tom B Turkey shoot, do we still want to do one. Saturday before or after Veteran's Day. After would be better for advertising. Kroger will donate hams and turkeys for cost. Sunday the 15th need 7 to 9 volunteers.

Keane H. Joe Jacobs came out and would redo the stairs. Shipman said this was ok and he could get some no truck signs. And Thomas Houck said he should have the plans for the new building done soon. The guy that caused the boonie hat incident has been identified and police have told him to stay away from the park. Old Mailboxes may not be given for any use by the post office. Memorial plaques have been placed for the benches. Pokemon plaque found on the stairs to the helo and removed. A purple heart parking sign could be a good thing at the new HQ. Jim Hackbarth's want to donate his medals, we don't want them.

The chairman should not be doing all the work and be a manager. It should go back to committee work. Dave L we need a new cash register. No new items for the store. We need to be able to take debit cards. Motion to adjourn was made at 8:24pm seconded by Butch P and passed by voice vote.

Next meeting November 18th,

Submitted by Randy Hardin