



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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August 12th, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Gary DeBord Keane Hudson Butch Pfeifer Charlie Thomas Al Wikoff
Lexi Willey Roger Willey

Joined Later: Scott Brinkmeier (6:38) Mike Mills (6:41) Tom Bushman (7:06)

Called to Order: On August 12th, 2022 at 6:34pm, the special meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Willey, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Discussion regarding purchase of 421 N. Lincoln Avenue: Commissioner Al Wikoff addressed the commission relating procedural, financial, and legal considerations regarding the prospective purchase of the named property. Commissioner Scott Brinkmeier entered at 6:38 and Commissioner Mike Mills entered at 6:41.

Commissioner Mike Mills relayed to the board his initiating conversations with the property's owner. Commissioner Charlie Thomas voiced concerns about the status of the property's well, cistern, and sewer, and the possibility of it being in a flood plain. After reviewing a flood plain map, the Commission was satisfied that the property was likely not in the flood plain but would verify with relevant authorities.

Commissioner Tom Bushman entered at 7:06. The Commission discussed the available avenues for financing such a purchase, including fundraising options, and reviewed the property's potential role in the Park's development plan phases as modeled in 2006. Mike Mills explained that the property laid between the existing Museum building and an open lot belonging to the City of Dixon for the Commission's use, and could be utilized as space for additional large military artifacts, more convenient access to the park from Illinois Route 2, or for future expansion of the Museum building.

A motion of intent to purchase 421 N. Lincoln Avenue was made by Mike Mills, seconded by Scott Brinkmeier, and passed unanimously by voice vote, pending City Council approval.

Commissioner Comments: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:30pm by Scott Brinkmeier, seconded by Mike Mills, and passed by voice vote.

Next scheduled meeting will be August 24th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lexi Willey, Acting Secretary

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