



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd 2024

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gary Debord, Scott Brinkmeier, Keane Hudson, Mike McMahon, Mike Mills, Charlie Thomas, Lexi Willey, Roger Willey. Terry Stephenitch entered at 6:51pm.

CALL TO ORDER: On May 22nd 2024 @ 6:32pm the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Mills, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A) READING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES OF April 24th 2024: Roger Willey made a motion to approve, with a 2nd by Keane Hudson. Motion passed by voice vote.
- B) FINANCIAL/TREASURER: None due to Treasurer Tom Bushman's absence; will review at June meeting.
- C) ARTIFACTS: Painting on F105 almost complete. Pat Gorman to emcee Korean War plaque dedication on May 27th at 2pm. Mike Mills recommended undercarriage lighting under artifacts. Korean War memorial plaque is finished and stanchion will be done soon.
- D) GROUNDS/BUILDINGS/PROPERTY/MAINTENANCE: Considering purchasing weed trimmer.

Mike Mills presented offer from Dan Bocker to demolish house, remove foundation, and fill foundation with dirt. Utilities will have to be shut off before, and ComEd requires City to take ownership of account and request shutoff first, and Nicor Gas charges \$1,500 for removing gas service. Lexi Willey and Mike Mills 2nded motion to pay for demolition ourselves after utilities are removed. Motion passed by voice vote.
- E) LEGACY STONES/DEDICATION: June 9th 2024 @ 2:00 P.M. 7 Stones for dedication. 7 stones to be dedicated are ready for pickup, with 2 more for October 13th dedication ceremony.
- F) FLAGS: Flags are in good shape. Will continue inspecting. May need to order Purple Heart flag.
- G) IT: Waiting on security camera contractor to attend meeting
- H) CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION/THANK YOU: Thank-you's written to Rich Tucker at Dixon Paint and Bonnell's. Recommended writing a thank-you for Rock River Garden Club for their excellent job landscaping the park.
- I) MEMORIAL DONOR PLAQUE: Added Randy Hardin, Harold Jepsen, Jr., and Larry Leffelman

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Arbor Repair: Mike Mills looking for Carpenter's Union meetings and/or contacting Rockford Trades for best options to repair arbors as they appear to have been involved with original construction.

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B) Demolition of 421 N. Lincoln Ave.:

C) Palmyra Township Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony: Keane Hudson attended and said it was very well done ceremony, recommended looking into collaborating with them in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Bury Drainage Tube: Talked about getting fill dirt and help from someone with equipment to install drainage tube between museum building and park.

B) POW/MIA City designations: Roger Willey contacted Jefferson Barracks POW/MIA Museum in Missouri for information but is still awaiting a response.

C) Korean War Era Ceremony Plaque Dedication Memorial Day & 2:00PM

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: June 26th 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:06pm Scott Brinkmeier made a motion to adjourn, with a 2nd by Gary Debord. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Willey, Acting Secretary

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