

KAUKAUNA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Kaukauna Veterans Memorial Park Association was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, by President Rosin.

Members Present: Mayor and President Gene Rosin, Vice President Eugene Schaefer, Secretary Karen Koch, Brenda Leon, Troy Hanson, Fred Cazzola, Brian Roebke, Lisa Wolfinger, Mark Landreman. Also present: Diana Driessen. Absent and excused: Kennedy Coffee, Katie Harris.

1. Absent and Excused. A motion to excuse the absent was made by Brenda Leon, seconded by Gene Schaefer. All members voted aye, motion carried.
2. Minutes. A motion was made by Brenda Leon to approve and place on file the minutes of December 8, 2015, seconded by Gene Schaefer. All members voted aye, motion carried.
3. Civic engagement class students who were on the Agenda to present a monument proposal were not in attendance. They are looking to place two granite monuments at the entries to the Ring of Honor. A motion to table the monument discussion until the next meeting of the Association was made by Troy Hanson, seconded by Brenda Leon. All members voted aye, motion carried.
4. General Matters.

The Memorial Day service will be at 11:00 on Monday, May 30, 2016, at the Veterans Memorial Park. Brenda inquired if there have been any complaints regarding Kwik Trip. None have been reported.

Fred Cazzola stated that it was difficult to hear at the Veteran's service in November, causing the rifle squad to move which placed them in line with the speakers. The speakers will need to be adjusted. Traffic noise did not appear to cause a problem.

Fred also questioned the white crosses. At the August 5, 2015, meeting, there was discussion that if and when the crosses begin to rot, the bottoms will be cut off and a rod would be attached. It would then be returned back to the ground. After that meeting, using a composite wood to construct the crosses was discussed. An estimate was requested for composite wood from Plastic Lumber Yard and sent to the high school. The wood is rather expensive. There has been no discussion since October 2015 when the estimate was sent. Mayor will talk to Tim Roehrig to see if it is still in the works.

Mark Landreman has heard complaints about skateboarders in the park. Troy Hanson stated that signs should be posted due to the disrespect of the area; however, the Association members don't want to see the park containing a lot of signage. It was suggested to simply ask persons to leave if they are using the park in a manner that is considered disrespectful. If the problem continues, Mayor will mention to the Chief of Police and ask for more patrol in the area.

Gene Schaefer introduced Diana Driessen to the group to present an idea for a project. She would like to see a flag drop box in Kaukauna which would be built by the high school students and placed in a convenient location to respectfully drop flags that are no longer being flown (rather than having them disposed of in the garbage). She suggested putting a drop box in the vestibule of the new City Hall. Diana will provide a plaque stating who designed and built the box. As necessary, the Vets would hold an honor ceremony to burn the flag(s), which would ensure they are being disposed of in the proper way. Mark Landreman suggested having a public burning ceremony so interested people and groups

can view it. The goal would be to have the burning ceremony on Veteran's Day this year, possibly at Bayorgeon. Brian Roebke suggested tying it in somehow with the schools.

As an FYI, it was mentioned that if donated by their families, the VFW will fly funeral flags of veterans in the Ring of Honor to pay tribute to them.

It was also mentioned that the VFW will offer to replace flags for people who are flying tattered flags. Brian Roebke suggested purchasing and then selling flags at the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies, allowing attendees to purchase them to replace their old flags. A suggestion was made to list information on the box of where flags can be purchased.

There will be no program at City Hall for Veteran's Day this year due to the building construction.

There being no further business to be brought before the Association, a motion to adjourn was made by Brenda Leon, seconded by Brian Roebke. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Karen Koch, KVMPA Secretary