

KAUKAUNA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Kaukauna Veterans Memorial Park Association was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, by President Rosin.

Members Present: Mayor and President Gene Rosin, Vice President Eugene Schaefer, Secretary Karen Koch and members Fred Cazzola, Brian Roebke, and Mark Landreman. Also present: Don Krause, IT Director for Kaukauna Utilities and the City of Kaukauna. Absent: Brenda Leon, Kennedy Coffey, Katie Harris and Lisa Wolfinger.

1. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Fred Cazzola to approve and place on file the minutes of March 13, 2017, seconded by Gene Schaefer. All members voted aye, motion carried.
2. Bricks: Don Krause was present to discuss tracking of donor bricks utilizing the City's web site. Since the March 2017 meeting, all of the bricks have been entered onto the web site by the students in the Civic Engagement Class. The goal from the March 2017 meeting was to create easy access to our site for locating bricks, but it was put on the back burner because the IT department was unable to work on it due to other projects that were priority. Don stated the challenge is that when someone does a search, the brick pulls up, but the location (which quadrant it is in) does not.

Don is working on programming the location of the bricks. He noted that an indicator still needs to be designed and placed on each brick page. (There are more than 900 bricks.) Don would like to challenge the Civic Engagement Class to design the logo to be used for pulling up each brick.

Mayor will check the map at the Ring of Honor and have it replaced if the map has faded.

The March 2018 brick order has been placed.

A refund of \$50 was issued and sent to Kate Vandenberg for her brick that was removed from the Ring of Honor.

General Matters:

- *Adding a Member of DPW*: There was discussion about adding a member of the Street Department staff to the Association. Members agreed that it is a great idea. Mayor mentioned that the meeting time would need to be changed to an earlier time in order to avoid paying overtime. Mayor suggested asking for a volunteer before making an appointment. He will contact DPW to see if anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Association.
- *White Crosses*: Fred stated that the paint is peeling off the crosses, and he would like to see them touched up so they last longer. Fred also stated that he would like to see the crosses eventually replaced by some that are constructed of composite material. Mayor had asked the high school if the wood working class could make the crosses, but the price due to the thickness required for composite material needed was so high, the school couldn't afford to purchase the material. Mayor will talk to DPW and have the crosses touched up when the weather is nicer.

- Gene Schaefer raised a concern about someone sprinkling salt on the bricks before the Veteran's Day service. He stated that salt is not to be put on the bricks as it could ruin the finish. He suggested using sand or cat litter instead. DPW will be contacted for their input.
- Because of the age of the rifle squad members and the difficulty for them to stand for lengthy periods of time, Fred asked DPW to deliver extra chairs for the ceremonies so the rifle squad can sit down. He would like the chairs to be set up on the back side of the flags on Catherine Street. The shooters would sit and on the Catherine Street side rather than on Lawe Street.
- Tony Huss will be the main speaker this year for the Memorial Day service.
- Karen will put information about the retired flag drop-off box on the City's web site.
- Diana Driessen has been taking care of the retired flag drop-off box and collecting the flags to be retired. American Legion does flag retirement ceremonies as does the VFW. Gene Schaefer suggested that the American Legion and the VFW meet to discuss sharing flag decommissioning ceremonies and rotating the years between the two organizations.

There being no further business to be brought before the Association, a motion to adjourn was made by Gene Schaefer, seconded by Brian Roebke. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Karen Koch, KVMPA Secretary