

Veterans Memorial Park Committee
Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2023

Members in attendance: Larry Mead, Tina Kelly, Bill Marshal, Holly Korda,
Dan Pascucci, Mike Dickinson
Also in attendance: Lisa Wilson

Regarding Luminary Night:

Volunteers will meet at 6:00 to prepare for set up

Larry has made the arrangement for the bagpiper, will bring an additional
200 bags and dry sand

Judy O'Brien has recruited volunteers from Cider Hill so we will have
plenty of help

The Rec. Dept. is bringing tables and chairs

Tina will connect Larry with Tom Carter who has done art work in the
past for Luminary Night

Larry will also bring decorated bags from past years, markers, lighters and
change

Restoration of plaques:

Council has approved 14K to refurbish plaques and monuments in the park,
sometime in late September or October. In addition. A new plaque will be
added for Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. VFW will fund a new plaque for
Korea and Vietnam veterans. All to be completed before Veterans Day. The
identity of the missing plaque on the monument has been determined to be one
in honor of the Spanish American war. This plaque too will be replaced.
Larry also said that a granite marker honoring Gold Star Mother Nancy Kelley
will be placed in the garden space dedicated to her son, Capt. Christopher Cash.

Public Works report by Lisa Wilson:

Irrigation is on
broken curb stops have been replaced

the mowing contract has been awarded to Robillards
walkways have been patched with stone dust
Mainly grass has treated for weeds
Wood chips have been added to the playground
The teeter totter has been removed and will be replaced
A new swing has been ordered
replaced fencing around the playground
screens for the restrooms have been ordered
gator has been serviced
new signage at entrances will be complete by the end of June

Larry requested that the Kiosks be repaired and that broken spindles in the gazebo be replaced

Other notes:

The park capital budget is 500K and additional funding is uncertain
No report from George Kerr regarding fundraising to replace the gazebo
No decision has been made yet by Council regarding the sidewalk for Staples street

Next meeting: 6/21/23 at 4:00 at the Library

Respectfully submitted by Mike Dickinson