

A meeting of the Kaukauna Veterans Memorial Park Association was called to order by Chairman Penterman on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Present: Mayor Penterman, Fred Cazzola, Brenda Leon, Lisa Wolfinger, Neal Borchert, Karen Koch and interested parties Gary Wolf and Julie Eiting. Absent: Mark Landreman, Brian Roebke, Marty Decoster. A motion was made by Mayor Penterman, seconded by Neal Borchert to excuse the absent. All members voted aye, motion carried.
2. Correspondence
 - a. Karen read a letter from Gary Wolf dated April 1, 2022, to the Association regarding the flag poles in the Ring of Honor.
3. A motion was made by Karen to approve the Minutes of March 22, except for Item 4a., and take that item up for discussion under Agenda Item 4, General Business, Item a, seconded by Brenda Leon. All members voted aye, motion carried.
4. General Business:
 - a. Mayor asked the committee members if they wanted to follow Gary's recommendation in his letter to put the Space Force flag on the left on a 20' pole and not install 2 new, 25' poles. Fred discussed flag etiquette and the flags he saw flying at the ball parks by 1000 Islands. Neal agreed with Gary's assessment of the National Guard flag. Each branch of the military has their own reservists, and if we display one, we should display all of them. Gary mentioned that he is a member of both the VFW and American Legion. He has been taking care of the flags in the Ring since its inception. When they are tattered, he takes them to Ken Schoenike to repair, and he can repair them two to three times, which saves the Association from purchasing three to four new sets per year. {Gary mentioned that a thank you should be sent from KVMPA to Ken to recognize his efforts with the flags.} If more flags are added to the Ring, that would mean more maintenance, repairs, cost, etc. A simple solution is to remove the National Guard flag from the Ring and replace it with the Space Force flag (newest branch of the military). Gary spoke with Tom Verhagen, the sponsor of the National Guard flagpole, and they are happy to have their plaque moved to the new Space Force pole; however, he would like the plaque changed to read, "In honor of the Larry and Gladys Verhagen family."

Brian Roebke joined the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Gary works with Karen to keep two full sets of flags available. He has been flying the 3x5 flags in the winter because there isn't a lot of activity at the Ring. Around or before Memorial Day, he will switch out the flags to 4x6, and said another full set of 4x6 should be ordered.

Fred asked if we were going to call the State bureau to let them know we were taking down the National Guard flag. Gary stated that when we were replacing flags, he spoke to the National Guard out of Madison regarding replacement flags and was told they don't provide them, and we were on our own for replacements. He feels they are OK if this flag isn't flown in the Ring. The flag is double the cost because it needs to be custom made because it's not a popular flag that is flown.

Lisa reverted back to Neal's comment, "If you fly one, you should fly them all," and asked,

"Where do we start, and where do we stop?" Neal replied that the Veterans Park is Kaukauna's park, and it can be what we want it to be, and instead of continuing to research and discuss the same topic of flagpoles over and over, let's make it our park!

Neal made a motion to keep the American flag at 30' and fly the rest of the flags at 20', remove the National Guard flag and replace that flag with the Space Force flag, and Gary Wolf will replace the Verhagen plaque according to their request. Seconded by Brenda Leon. Aye: Mayor Penterman, Brenda Leon, Lisa Wolfinger, Neal Borchert, Karen Koch, and Brian Roebke. Nay: CWS Ret Fred Cazzola. Motion carried.

- b. Mayor stated that the City Attorney is still reviewing the bylaws that were set up in 2014 and will clean them up and create term lengths for members. They will be brought back to a future meeting.

Lisa mentioned that the word "Women's" needs to be removed in the 4th point under VII. Board of Directors, A. The Auxiliary is two separate organizations under the American Legion and VFW, and representatives can be male or female. Would we want one representative from each organization? She is one representative for two organizations.

Mayor asked the group to contact Karen with any changes to the Bylaws that they find.

- c. Mayor and Gary Wolf met and Gary will find volunteers to place the flags on holidays with the City potentially following with a truck as a safety measure. Gary feels that working through the Mayor's office, the VFW and American Legion can put the flags out. Mayor made a motion to have the VFW and American Legion put the flags out before the proper holidays on Friday and take them down by the following Tuesday with the City of Kaukauna or Kaukauna Police Department to follow behind to provide safety for the installers. Seconded by Brenda. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brenda. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Karen Koch

KVMMPA Secretary

Post meeting: Gary asked for a thank you letter to be sent to Tony Huss and his wife for placing flags on holidays throughout the years.