



KAUKAUNA VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Monday, October 25, 2021

A meeting of the Kaukauna Veterans Memorial Park was called to order on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Penterman, Karen Koch, Lisa Wolfinger, Fred Cazzola, Gene Schaefer, Neal Borchert, Brian Roebke (arrived at 4:16 p.m.). Also present were Dar DeBruin-Hein, Don DeBruin, Mike Weaver. Absent: Brenda Leon, Mark Landreman, Marty DeCoster.

A motion was made by Lisa Wolfinger, seconded by Neal Borchert to excuse the absent. All members voted aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Gene Schaefer, seconded by Lisa Wolfinger to adopt the Minutes of August 26, 2021, as presented. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Mayor read correspondence regarding US Flag, POW/MIA and WI State Flag Etiquette between Fred Cazzola and Mitchell Wovtvch. A motion was made by Neal Borchert, seconded by Gene Schaefer to receive and place the correspondence on file. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Mayor gave a brief summary of a meeting at the Ring of Honor on September 30, 2021, with Mayor Penterman, Fred Cazzola, Pat Vandenheuvell, Karen Koch, and Mike Weaver to discuss flag poles and flag placement. At that meeting, a suggestion was made to move the American flag out of the Ring and place it up and behind the wall in the grassy area. By doing this, it would be necessary to purchase one, 20' flagpole to replace the American flagpole. The POW/MIA flag could then be moved to the new pole to replace the American flagpole and the Space Force flag could be flown on the end pole that the POW/MIA flag is currently flying on. Fred didn't agree with the suggestion and stated his reasoning.

Fred recommends replacing 2 poles on either side of the American flagpole with new 25' poles with new bases and slide all the flags down in their current order, go across the sidewalk and start turning the arch back around rather than going straight out. Dar DeBruin thanked Fred for his research. She discussed the order of the flags. Mike Weaver mentioned the plaques need to move and remain with the flags as they were commemorated by families and businesses in the Heart of the Valley.

A motion was made by Fred Cazzola, seconded by Gene Schaefer, for the minutes to read that the City of Kaukauna, the Kaukauna Veterans Memorial Park Association and the DeBruin family are in agreement that the flagpole located immediately to the left of the American flag, previously donated by the DeBruin family and dedicated to Eugene H. DeBruin, will henceforth and forever be exclusively used for the purpose of respectfully displaying only the official POW/MIA flag and that the accompanying plaque recognizing

Eugene H. DeBruin remain a permanent part of the dedicated flagpole. The motion further stated to realign the flags with the American flag on its own pole at 30', the POW/MIA to the left at 25' with its plaque, the State flag at 25' and respective branches on 20' poles. All members voted aye, motion carried.

It was suggested that two, 25' flag poles with bases will need to be purchased.

General Business: Lisa Wolfinger stated that the Bylaws are no longer current with the Association President, Vice President, and Secretary. Also, the students haven't been coming to meetings. Karen contacted Tim Roehrig who had no suggestions for student replacements. The Civic Engagement class is offered one trimester each year. Students are allowed to take the class one time, so it becomes difficult to have student representatives for the Committee. Mayor will send the Bylaws to Attorney Davidson for updates to be completed by Spring 2022.

A motion was made to adjourn by Lisa Wolfinger, seconded by Brian Roebke. All members voted aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Koch, Secretary

