

**Veterans Events Committee
Police Department
450 E. 11 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Ilene Harmon-McGough, John Williams, David Wandoff, Mike Sherman, Bob Jurva, Sgt. Steve Teichow, Alex McMall, Cynthia Garrett

Absent: None

Motion made by Mike Sherman, second by Cynthia Garrett to Approve the Agenda for May 10, 2022. Approved.

Public Comment – Carol Hennessey – no comment at this time – will speak at the other Public Comment.

Ex-Officio Report: Letters going out by Thursday regarding Parade line up of Woodward/Washington to Lincoln/Washington for line and then the Parade Route. Woodward/Washington and Lincoln/Washington will be closed starting at 7 am.

Ex Officio – Sgt. Steve Teichow - Royal Oak Color Guard will be purchasing the benches to be set by the Memorial Monument. Judy stated that the check has been sent to the company that makes the benches.

Chairperson report:

Therese Christman is the speaker and Judy will let her know that she has 10 minutes to speak.

Fifty Flags interested in bringing flags to the ceremony. Tabling this to be Old Business next week to get more information about the flags and where they would go.

Parade has 56 units. Judy to contact politicians not in office via telephone or the letter to go out (see below) and express that they will be at the end of the Parade and no propaganda. This is about those that sacrifice their lives in service.

Need to send letter to all participants that we have received their application and look forward to them being in the parade. Here are the rules and a week before the Parade (approximately May 25th), you will receive the position you are in the Parade. Also, in the letter, due to the construction on Main Street, there will be no port-a-potty but the Farmers Market will be open starting at 7 am.

Motion by Cynthia Garrett, second by Mike Sherman to accept Minutes for May 3, 2022 with adding the last name of the speaker "Christman". Approved.

Old Business

Healing Fields

Judy confirmed that on Friday, May 27th, the grass will be mowed and DPW will mark where the flags should go and turn the sprinklers off. Sunday, May 29th, from approximately 1 – 6, need us to put the flag holders in the ground and then place the flags. Judy will show us next week the tools that will be used.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Cynthia requested a final copy of the program by next week.
Officer Buckley will lay the wreath for the POW MIA and his wife will sit in the Gold Star Seat.

POW MIA Wreath & Chair Cover

Mike Sherman to bring to next meeting and store at the Police Dept.

Banner

Judy confirmed that it will be up from May 16th – May 30th.

Benches have been ordered but will not be here by Memorial Day.

Shuttle bus will be at Sherman parking lot

New Business

Boy Scouts will be watching the healing fields on Sunday, May 29th. They need to have one adult per four children. They can handle it the way they want to handle it as long as the ratio of adults to kids is met.

Motion by John Williams, second by Alex McMall for to spend up to \$350 for Henry Ford Health Center (made possible by them), materials for the Healing Fields and Sandwich board prints for the Parade.

Subcommittee created of Judy Davids, Cynthia Garrett, Mike Sherman, and Bob Jurva to work on the materials.

Public Comment

Carol Hennessey asked the Parade route and where the shuttle buses will be. She expressed her concerns that the city seems to be pushing the Veterans out. She feels that they started the construction with no concern for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony but to be sure they were done for Arts Beats and Eats.

Next meeting is 5/17/22 at 7 pm

Motion made by Ilene Harmon-McGough, second by Cynthia Garrett to adjourn. Approved. Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.