WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2019

PRESENT:	Ollie Groman
	Chris Roth
	Peter Scott
	Jeanine Winslow
	Shirley Yannich
NOT PRESENT	Andy Bracy
	John Drabouski
EXCUSED ABSENTS	Dave Houpt
	Joan Klein
	Chris Patton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 19, 2018 meeting minutes were approved; first motion, Peter Scott; second motion Chris Roth.

OLD B USINESS:

VAC Agendas: ***Ollie Groman*** said that we will continue with the agenda format that we have been using and will post the agendas on the website. When needed, we would include additions to the agenda.

Update: Helping Hands Program: ***Ollie Groman*** advised that the December 18, 2018 email from Jim Thompson of DVIT (Delaware Valley Insurance Trust) confirmed that volunteers for the Helping Hands Program would have liability coverage under the Township-sponsored program. The VAC will request that the Board of Supervisors acknowledge the Helping Hands Program as an official Township-controlled board. The volunteers would be covered as long as they are helping with a Township approved request. ***Jeanine Winslow*** advised they would not be covered if they acted to perform a request on site that was not previously approved by the Township. ***Shirley Yannich*** advised that she will request Cassandra Williams, Chief Financial Officer, to write a letter of interpretation which will be put on the Board of Supervisor's March 12, 2019 agenda. ***Chris Roth*** requested an update on a past discussion of Public Works helping out the VAC with employees driving trucks for projects which they have done for the EAC. ***Ollie Groman*** said he would address this to the Board of Supervisors and contact Joe Knox.

Peter Scott gave a review of the results of phone calls that he and Chris Roth made to all of the Veterans who submitted a Helping Hands form. It turns out that none of the people they contact wanted help. Joan Klein called the Veterans that Peter and Chris could not reach of and she came across the same facts with the exception of two people. ***Peter Scott*** called these Veterans. One is a World War II Veteran who advised he does not need help from the VAC as a neighbor on his street has been helping him. Peter gave him his cell phone number should he need help in the future. The other Veteran could not be reach and Peter left his phone number. A conclusion was made that the military life has left impressions on Veterans that they do not ask for help but would help a Veteran in a heartbeat. The VAC will work on other avenues to reach out to Township Veterans.

Article J: Veteran Affairs Committee: ***Jeanine Winslow*** stated there is no Word document for this in order to update it. ***Shirley Yannich*** volunteered to create a Word document. ***Ollie Groman*** advised that Paragraphs1 and 3 were the same in Ollie and Peter Scott's drafts. We will be using Peter's Paragraph 2 and nothing else in Article J changes.

Monument of Daniel P. Bradley, Jr.: A general discussion pursued on how to mount the monument and plaque to go beside the monument. One idea was to mount them alongside the rock with the Nike Base plaque. Another idea was to remove the Nike Base plaque from the rock and mount the two plaques and monument together and have the stone removed. ***Chris Roth*** volunteered to draw up some ideas and contact his friend who does masonry work.

Memorial Day Ceremony: In pursuit of a color guard the VAC decided to reach out to Boy Scout Troops 137 and 172 to ask if a representative could attend the February 25, 2019 VAC meeting to review the color guard position. ***Jeanine Winslow*** will contact the troop leaders. It was decided to have the same foods (soft pretzels, patriotic donut holes, water, pizza and mini chicken sliders). The VAC will rotate to another pizza store in Warrington to request the donated pizzas. ***Jeanine Winslow*** will contact Mission BBQ for the donation of sliders and the presence of bam bam the Humvee and Reverend Bob Schuman from Warrington Fellowship Church. ***Ollie Groman*** will contact Ross Baxter to request that he bring his trucks and will contact Larry Bullock requesting he recite a poem.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS: ***Jeanine Winslow*** reminded the VAC to draft a write up for the Spring, 2019 Link Newsletter. ***Ollie Groman*** will draft an overview for publication.

Next VAC Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2019 at 5 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:55 p.m.; first motion, Peter Scott; second motion, Chris Roth.