



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 31, 2020**

PRESENT: Carol Baker
Joan Klein
Peter Scott
Chris Roth (via phone)
Jeanine Winslow

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 24, 2020 meeting minutes were approved; first motion, Joan Klein; second motion, Chris Roth.

OLD BUSINESS:

Helping Hands Program:

Peter Scott reviewed the facts that we currently do not have outside resources to help Veterans who are in need of help to mow lawns, snow removal, yard work, etc. He contacted two Veterans who requested mowing of their lawns and they did not require our help as they contracted local neighbors to do the job. *Peter Scott* recommended putting the Helping Hands Program on hold due to the Co-Vid situation and that we do not have a lot of applicants nor have anyone to call to say “can you do this?”. He recommended putting on hold to at least when the virus dissipates and re-evaluate. *Chris Roth* recommended that if someone contacts us with a dire need that we would certainly act on it. *Peter Scott* suggested that we stay in contact with the Boy Scout troops annually in September or October. The scout masters move on when their children move on and do not tend to pass on their experiences with the new scout master. We should be proactive and have a list of people that we can contact for veterans with high priority needs. *Joan Klein* said that she will contact the volunteers and see if they are still viable. She would make up a list on what they are capable of doing along with days and times available (day, night or weekends).

Monument of Daniel P. Bradley:

Chris Roth advised that the plan was to be reviewed by the township engineers and was on hold until we heard back from CKS. *Jeanine Winslow* said that she emailed Shirley Yannich who had a copy of the plan to forward to CKS. Shirley did not recall if she forwarded the plan. *Jeanine Winslow* said that she

would forward a copy of the plan to CKS. **Chris Roth** requested to be there when CKS is at IPW. **Chris Roth** advised that he spoke to Barry Luber about additional funding for the project and that Joe Scarpill offered to help out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of New VAC Chair

Peter Scott advised this is an agenda item with the resignation of Ollie Groman who moved out of town and no longer a resident. **Jeanine Winslow** advised that after reviewing the VAC ByLaws and other documents with Barbara Livrone that being a resident is not a criterion for a VAC member. **Joan Klein** motioned to nominate Peter Scott since he is the most active, viable and knowledgeable person and would make an excellent chairperson and **Chris Roth** seconded the motion. **Peter Scott** said that he plans to motion to nominate Vinnie Valinotti as Vice-Chair who is presently in active duty in Africa. By the time the VAC meets again, Vinnie should be back from his TDY to Africa and we can proceed with the nomination. **Peter Scott** said that he will look into Zoom for the next meeting. Zoom has the capability for phone calls as well. **Jeanine Winslow** advised that the VAC has 2 members and 1 alternate position open. **Peter Scott** recommended that Jeanine Winslow apply to be a VAC member which would make it more likely to have a quorum and Members Joan Klein and Chris Roth were in agreement. **Jeanine Winslow** advised that she would submit the volunteer form to apply for the VAC member position. Pete also recommended that Joan Klein's committee membership be changed from alternate to member.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Peter Scott recommended that we have the ceremony regardless of what is going on unless we get a mandate from the Township. We would hold it either in the meeting room or outside in front of the township building. We would invite State Representative Todd Polinchock or any other officials.

2019 VAC Annual Report

Jeanine Winslow advised that she drafted the report and requested a write-up on the Helping Hands Program from one of the VAC members. We are scheduled to give the report during the September 22, 2020 Board of Supervisor's meeting. **Peter Scott** volunteered to give the annual report.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS:

Brick Application Pricing

Jeanine Winslow advised that we did not take into consideration the shipping costs for the bricks. Shipping fees are approximately \$10 for the 4 x 8; \$15 for the 6 xx 12; and \$20 for the 12 x 12. A general discussion pursued and it was determined to add those shipping fees to the current brick price. **Jeanine Winslow** will update the application accordingly.

Township Notification of a Potential VAC Member

Peter Scott advised that he was forwarded an email dated April 29, 2019 from a Veteran interested in helping the VAC in late July, 2020. Basically we were notified of this interest fifteen months after the fact but he contacted the Veteran the day he received the email with no response to date.

Chris Roth advised that if the VAC is in a bind to meet the quorum that he could possibly take off from school as he has not missed any classes to date. *Peter Scott* advised that doing the Zoom/Phone we could get through the pledge of allegiance and release Chris Roth to head for school as needed; conducting all important business first.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday September 29, 2020 at 5 pm; changing the date due to Yom Kipper.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:30 pm; first motion, Joan Klein; second motion, Chris Roth.