

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

**Tuesday, April 19, 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

Absent: Cynthia Garrett

Motion made by Bob Jurva, second by Mike Sherman to Approve the Agenda for April 19, 2022 adding Public Comment at the beginning along with it being at the end as it is. Approved.

Judy Davids informed the committee that John Wendland resigned. He fell and hit his head and he needs to slow down a bit.

Public Comment – Bill Harrison, Lynn Parson, and Frank Roche.

Frank Roche recognized Mike Sherman for 300 hours of volunteer service with the Veterans Administration.

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 – Showing of diagram with 122 chairs – usually there is 100 so going with that number.

Judy stated that there is approximately 50 participants in the parade – approximately 536 people.

Motion by John Williams, second by Mike Sherman accept Minutes for April 5, 2022 as written. Passed.

John Williams stated that the Disabled Veterans of America and Royal Oak American Legion will not be participating due to the shorter route in the Parade but will participate in the Ceremony.

Old Business

Healing Fields: Friday, May 27th, the grass will most likely 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. Will determine hours during the week but most likely 5 -7 and 7 -9. Judy Davids would like to show the information about each person on the Memorial and their flag – where they lived in Royal Oak and where they are buried.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
Discussed the details

POW MIA Wreath & Chair Cover – has been order and is being donated.

Banner – Ordered and cost was \$1,148. It has a patch for this year stating Washington over where it says Main Street. It will be up from May 16th – May 30th.

Judy Davids and David Wandoff will go to the businesses on Washington to make sure they know the Parade route has been switched.

New Business

Motion by Ilene Harmon-McGough, second by Bob Jurva to pay the Drum Messenger \$100, Royal Oak High School Bank Boosters \$100, Maggie Lynch, Photographer \$50, and rent Port-A-Potties \$125, Passed.

Public Comment

Bill Harrison spoke regarding the Memorial and that the Committee did not take a stance as a committee. David Wandoff stated that individuals can support whatever way they want but the Veterans Events Committee only puts on events.

Next meeting is 5/3/22 at 7 pm

Motion made by John Williams, second by Mike Sherman to adjourn. Passed.