

Michigan Veterans' Memorial Park Commission (MVMPC) meeting notes April 17, 2023 meeting

Attendees: John Juarez, Lindell Holm, Andrew Cosgrove, Robert Price, Gregory Havrilcsak, Danny Craig, and Dana Schafer

Absent: Gary Quinn

Guests: Jerry Keeder and Brent West, DTMB-Building Operations

- Park maintenance update (Jerry Keeder/Brent West)
 - Jerry noted that Facilities has been doing Spring clean-up at the Park.
 - They are waiting for a couple more quotes for concrete repairs to be submitted; hoping to have before the June MVMPC meeting.
 - Jerry, Brent, John Juarez, and Dana Schafer will meet once all bids are in.
 - The Commission previously approved funding to complete necessary concrete repairs. Will only need to vote if price is above \$50,000.00.
 - Jerry also noted it will be difficult to meet a target date of July 3rd for repairs to be completed due to supply chain issues delaying projects and scheduling.
 - Once he has quotes, he will have a better idea of potential start/completion timeframe.
- Approve March 20, 2023 meeting notes
 - Greg Havrilcsak motioned to approve the March 20th meeting notes; Danny Craig seconded; all approved.
- Financial statement
 - Reviewed 2nd Quarter MVMP financial report; no updates since last meeting.
 - Still in good standing and adequate funding is available for concrete repairs.
- Chairperson update
 - John nominated Andrew Cosgrove to be the new Chair of the MVMPC.
 - John motioned to approve; Greg seconded; all approved.
- Michigan Society of Sons of the American Revolution (MISSAR) monument
 - The Sub-committee completed its review of the application and determined all requirements were met.
 - The final proposal includes donation of a Liberty Tree (Jefferson elm) and a memorial plaque in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America.
 - MISSAR will sign an MOU and include \$600 for a maintenance fund for the memorial.
 - If final approval is given by the MVMPC, they would like to proceed with the donation and have a dedication ceremony in October 2023.

- The Sub-committee asked the Commission to vote to approve.
 - Danny motioned to approve; Andrew seconded; all approved.
- Location of tree and memorial is to be determined in the next couple of months.
- **Dana** will prepare notice to be sent to the MISSAR advising them that the application for donation has been approved by the Commission.
- **John** will send the notice and advise them we will follow up on location for the memorial.

- DAR/SAR - Vietnam War POW's ceremony was held on April 11, 2023
 - Event was held at the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Monument and went well.
 - John has reached out to the DAR for photos from the event.

The next MVMPC meeting is scheduled for **June 21, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:30pm.**