

Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting
Minutes March 23, 2023.

In attendance: Chris Suessenguth, Bill Navarre, Stacy Crandell, Assistant Township Manager, Megan McCuen, Nick Jasionis., Ryan Manion Borek.

Mr. Susessength opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Discussion:

Minutes from the January 26, 2023, VAC meeting minutes were read, and Mr. Suessenguth requested correction be made to the two youth groups who will attend the “Flag Raising” ceremony this June to read “Civil Air Patrol” and “Spartan Young Marines”, correction was noted and made. Motion to approve made by Mr. Jasionis, seconded by Mrs. McCuen.

Old Business:

Recap of 2023 Events and Project updates was introduced by Mr. Suessenguth and discussion was had by the committee. Reviewed items included:

1. The Veterans Affairs Committee infomercial will be prepared within the next few months and Mr. Suessenguth will work, with Mrs. Wirth-Torrente, on the dialogue specifics for the infomercial and the agenda. The theme for the infomercial will be based on providing information on the community on “Who, What and When” the VAC is and purpose.
2. Triangle Park Planting events were reviewed and plans were made for the event scheduled for Thursday, May 17 or Friday, May 18, 2023. Consistent with the 2022 event, the Bucks County Youth Center will be contacted and will assist in the planting and cleaning of Triangle Park. Mrs. Wirth-Torrente volunteered to contact the garden centers that she worked with last year for the plantings. She will also contact the Bucks County Youth Center for their assistance. Township maintenance department will provide tools, equipment, and manpower.
3. The Summer Concert “Flag Raising Ceremony” is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Mr. Suessenguth requested participation and attendance by committee members. The National Anthem singer will be contacted by Mr. Suessenguth, as well as “Spartan Young Marines” and the “Civil Air Patrol”.
4. Veterans Day Ceremony – 2023 will again be celebrated by the Township and organized by VAC. The date and location will be established in the near future.

New Business:

- Mr. Suessenguth opened discussion on upcoming 2023 Goals/Projects.
- Mr. Suessenguth discussed the possibility of VAC purchasing a VAC Banner that the committee could use at events. The possibility of contacting local veterans’ groups and obtain the use of a truck that would participate in the parade. The banner would be attached, no riders would be

necessary. Topic was discussed and will be discussed further at the May 25, 2023 meeting. Ms. Crandell suggested Vistaprint be contacted for expense. Mr. Suessenguth suggested perhaps a local contractor or businesses be contacted for donation.

- Mr. Suessenguth will make a presentation to the “Township Board of Supervisors” at 5:00 pm, June 6, 2023 summarizing the committee’s agenda, activities and schedule of events for the year. He invited committee members to be present and show support.
- Community Events were introduced which include “Wreath Across America”, “Travis Manion Hero Run” and “Veterans Day Ceremony” which will be held Friday, November 10, 2023.
- “Wreath Across America” events will be researched and committee members will plan accordingly to volunteer and participate this year. Mr. Jasionis will contact the local American Legion Post, which he is member of and obtain details and report at the May 23, 2023 VAC meeting.
- The 2023 Veterans Day ceremony will be organized by VAC and participants will be discussed and obtained in advance of the event. Weather permitting the event will most likely be held at Triangle Park. The event will be held Friday, November 10, 2023.

Remaining meeting dates will be 7/27/23, 9/28/23 and 11/16/2023: Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM on motion of Mr. Suessenguth, seconded by Mr. Jasionis. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

William C. Navarre, Jr.

VAC Secretary.