

Parks and Properties Committee
City of Perry - Council Chambers
Proposed Minutes - April 22, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Present Terry Wood (Chair), Greg Wekwert, Mike Johnson, George Dunn

Guests: Dan Thomas (Sons of AMVETS), RaeDeane Thomas (AMVETS Auxiliary), Steve Zambrowski (Perry Landscaping Center), Leland Scott (City Zoning Administrator), Rob Kehoe (City Building Inspector), Dori Boertman

Terry Wood noted two bids had been received for building supplies for the pavilion: MPC Cashway about \$17,800; and R.G. Wood General Contractor about \$10,800.

Trusses for the pavilion are 37-foot, custom built, engineered to code with no center poles (now shown on the blueprints).

Rob Kehoe noted that the pavilion would be considered a commercial building.

He also noted the following volunteers/donations: Bernie Bennett of USA Concrete, cement for the footings; Grennell Brothers, plumbing; and R&H Electric, electrical work.

Leland Scott is donating the blueprints; and Rob Kehoe volunteered his services to be sure the building is constructed to the specs and code.

Steve Zambrowski volunteered to donate his time to design a pattern and lay the memorial pavers. The pavers and engraving will be paid for through a Memorial Brick fundraiser. He also said he could install the memorial plaque on the "big rock" if needed.

Zambrowski was very informative about the cost of pavers and engraving. Mike Johnson volunteered to work with Zambrowski on the design.

Zambrowski explained why it is a bad idea to do a pattern according to military branches and explained that offering two sizes (4" X 8" and 8" X8") is better than offering several sizes. About 200 pavers would need to be sold before they could be ordered to be engraved (sandblasted with stencils).

During discussion, it was decided that two areas of memorial pavers should be designated: 1) for Veterans and 2) for families and individuals. The pavers may read: 1) In Honor of; or 2) In Memory of.

Dan and RaeDean Thomas reported that they talked to Jim Postema at Great Lakes Monument (Perry) regarding a memorial plaque to install on the "big rock" at the base of the American flag. Cost of a 20" X 30" laser engraved plaque would be \$300. Zambrowski suggested a plexi-glass cover be installed over the plaque for protection.

Dori will bring the suggested wording (discussed at a previous meeting) to the next meeting.

It was also suggested that separate plaques be displayed at some point in Memorial Park (possibly the pavilion) listing the names of all donors and volunteers who provided funds and/or services during the project.

Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of providing laborers a receipt (with Tax ID No.) that they could use for a tax write-off.

After much discussion regarding the proper procedure of spending money on the project with prior approval, it was decided to obtain quotes for each aspect of the project and set a budget at the next meeting.

The next Parks & Properties Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, in Council Chambers at Perry City Hall.

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.