

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

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

Call to Order at 7:02 pm

Attendance: Ilene Harmon-McGough, Mike Sherman, Cynthia Garrett, Bob Jurva, Alex McMall, David Wandoff, Tina Barber, Arbor Laclave

Absent: Sgt. Chris Platt,

Public Comment:

Dennis Kipp and Pam Feldman spoke about Richard Needham – Pam wanted to honor her brother by having his name on the Memorial.

Chairperson Dave addressed that a subcommittee should be created to deal with all Veterans falling under the PACT Act as we do not know how many Veterans may qualify.

Motion made by Cynthia Garrett, second by Arbor Laclave to approve the June 6, 2023 Agenda. Motion passed

Ex Officio Report: Absent

Chairperson Report:

Spoke with VFW about how to honor Veterans

Ruck 22 – how to deal with that

Dropped off Certificates at the Band BBQ Banquet – missed three students. Ilene to follow up with Jensen.

Motion by Mike Sherman, second by Bob Jurva to approve the May 23, 2023. Motion passed.

## Old Business

### 1. Memorial Day

Notes from all – updated spreadsheet (see Supplemental)

### 2. Field of Honor

All great – will put booklets in a case for next year and just refill when needed rather than be out there each night. Saturday be there as Farmers Market is extremely busy.

### 3. Granite benches – subcommittee will be addressing after the Memorial Day Parade.

## New Business

Motion made by Ilene Harmon-McGough, second by Mike Sherman to create a Subcommittee regarding the PACT Criteria. Motion Approved.

***Next meeting is August 1, 2023 at 7 pm***

Motion to Adjourn made by Arbor Laclave, second by Mike Sherman. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:08 pm.

## Suggestions for future parades

- Checklist for the day off which includes Gold star covers, Grand Marshall Signs
- More seats for ceremony
- Grandstand under the trees for next year
- Train issue – need to have Sgt. Chris Platt explain to us
- Parade map should go out to attendees with their number they are in the Parade
- Publicity person – mentioned that City has contract with Siren
- Posters need to be done at least 4 weeks from the Parade and should list Ruck 22 and Veterans Day on them
- Cynthia wants to handle the Programs to make it easier on Judy and handle Parade line up (Cynthia would need to be cc on Parade applications)
- Banner with Veterans (continue it or not?) We will need Centers to keep them walking in the middle.
- Program was not correct
- Staging of Parade until after the split so they can go out into the middle
- Parade line up – bands need to be more separated
- Suggested description for the jobs we need to do and for our subcommittee descripton
- Length
- Slow down the Parade
- Hand out candy – do not throw candy
- Celtic Band was worth the money