

Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

Attendance

Tyler Rost, Township Administrator

VFW Post 7125: Rhonda Gundersen, Tony Otero

Event Manager: Latiya Holmes

American Legion Post 100: Jerry O'Hare

Army/Navy Garrison: Joe Diggs, Bill Johnston

The meeting was called to order and the flag was saluted. There were no previous minutes to approve as the secretary was not present. Attendees for the Memorial Day parade were reviewed and there was a discussion about other potential groups and RSVP's that were missed.

Chief Chambers participated via conference call and discussed the safety concerns with stopping during the parade. He explained a few scenarios including the issue on Hessian and Grove Road from last year and asked the group to remove the stoppage during the parade to keep it safe for all in attendance. The group unanimously agreed.

The police department will also add additional bike patrol to the parade and will also escort the parade as in prior years. The group also agreed to have the bike parade at the very front of the parade so that police patrols could see the kids and keep an eye on them.

Sandy Daws from the West Deptford Senior Club attended and discussed the senior bus. Tyler Rost, Township Administrator advised Ms. Daws that we will provide a bus for the seniors. The bus will pick up the seniors at RiverWinds at 8:30 am.

There was a discussion about the Grand Marshall of the parade. Rhonda Gundersen and Joe Diggs will look into potential Grand Marshalls and report to the group.

The group confirmed that a total of three wreaths are needed for the parade ceremonies.

(1. Township Building 2. Colonial Avenue 3. Red Bank Battlefield)

There was a discussion about adding cooling stations along the route and also having EMT's stationed at the Battlefield. Gloucester County EMS has been confirmed to participate in the parade so we can have them stay for the final ceremony as well.

Bill Johnston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Diggs. All in favor.

Minutes by: Latiya Holmes (in Eric Mizner's absence)

Next meeting: Monday, May 13th, 2024