

**Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes May 25, 2023.**

In attendance: Chris Suessenguth, Bill Navarre, Megan McCuen, Nick Jasionis, Katherin Wirth-Torrente, Stephanie Mason, Township Manger; Stacy Crandell, Assistant Township Manager. Jason Showmaker, Guest.

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

Discussion:

Minutes from the March 23, 2023, VAC meeting minutes were introduced and reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mr. Jasionis, seconded by Mrs. McCuen.

Old Business:

1. "Triangle Park" planting project on May 17, 2023, was discussed and was considered a successful project by the committee again this year. Mrs. Wirth-Torrente acknowledged the assistance of "The Garden Girl Company" who donated the plantings and worker assistance with the project. The Bucks County Youth Correction Department was also acknowledged. Mrs. Wirth-Torrente suggested, next year, the committee invite local veterans to assist in the project. In addition, the committee investigate the possible "sponsorship" of Penn Community Bank and will make the contact and connect with the bank.

New Business:

- Mr. Suessenguth will attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 6, 2023 and present the committee past year projects and will present the upcoming year's agenda for the committee. Committee members are invited to attend.
- Mr. Suessenguth updated the committee on the Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 2023 and confirmed a local resident will participate in the parade and drive a WWII army vehicle displaying the VAC Banner on the truck
- The Summer Concert Series event will be held at Central Park on June 7, 2023. At this time the annual flag raising ceremony will be held and committee members are asked to attend. Members will report at 6:00pm and participate in the ceremony. The Star-Spangled Banner song will be sung, and Mrs. Wirth-Torrente has made the arrangements.

TAB will be available prior to the ceremony to film the committee Video for the Township website. Committee members are requested to prepare a 1-minute introduction for the video.

- The Village Improvement Committee (VIA) Community Day will be held on June 24, 2023 at Central Park and is scheduled for 12:00-4:00 pm.
- Mr. Suessenguth reviewed upcoming events for the committee agenda and include
  1. The fall season cleanup project for Triangle Park scheduled for late October 2023.

2. This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will be held Friday, November 10, 2023 and will be held at the Township Building with time T.B.D. The event will be like the event held in 2022 with details and specifics to be acknowledged in the near future. A possible connection was discussed which would include New Britain Township to participate with Doylestown Township for the Veteran's Day Ceremony and possibly alternating years for the event between the townships. Details will be further discussed by the VAC.
  3. The Travis Manion Foundation "Hero's Run" event will be held October 8, 2023 and will be at the same location as the 2022 event (War Memorial Field). The committee members were encouraged to participate as volunteers or whatever capacity they can.
- Committee Updates:
    1. The VAC/TAB Infomercial update was presented by Mrs. Wirth-Torrente. The details of the video will be finalized and will be filmed prior to the "Flag Raising Event" on June 7, 2023.
    2. "Wreath Across America" event will be researched and committee members will plan accordingly to volunteer and participate this year. Mr. Jasionis contacted the local American Legion Post and details will be finalized prior to the event.
    3. Committee member, Bill Navarre, informed the committee of his new non-profit organization, Veterans Family Alliance, detailing the purpose and mission of the organization.
    4. Remaining meeting dates will be 9/28/23 and 11/16/2023: Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM on motion of Mr. Suessenguth, seconded by Mr. Jasionis. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:  
William C. Navarre, Jr.  
VAC Secretary.