



**Southfield Veterans'
Commission**

Serving all Vets

Minutes: September 12, 2011

Present:

Commissioners: Dan Brightwell, Tim Wirkus, Gregory Pulliam, Ethel Grossman, Felix Seldon, Jim Bezy
Excused: Bryan Jarrell, Larry McLemore
Professional Staff:
Volunteers & Visitors: none

Meeting opened with pledge of allegiance at 6:30PM by Dan in room 111.

Meeting Minutes:

Felix passed out copies of the August meeting minutes, since Tim was unavailable for that meeting, and then read to the commissioners. On a motion by Gregory, seconded by Tim, the minutes were approved with a few minor corrections.

Chair Report:

Dan will be attending the city council meeting tonight since there is a proposal by Tyrone Chatman to place a Vietnam memorial of some sort in the veterans' memorial garden and he would like to hear what this is all about. On that subject Dan read a letter he sent to council indicating that he would like, in the future, for council to refer veteran related items to us prior to coming in front of the entire council.

Indicating that he had received a request from the National Cemetery in Holly for us to accept veteran funeral flags for them. **Passed** out a form that can be used for that. (This is if a family of a deceased veteran would like to donate the flag from the coffin to the cemetery.)

We donated two wheelchairs to the MI Veterans' Foundation that were donated to us by a family. We received a thank you note from the Foundation.

Treasurer Report:

Gregory indicating that there was nothing to report.

Old Business:

Vet Seminar 10/7:

Felix reported that things were shaping up for this event. Letters will be going out to the speakers confirming their attendance.

Discussed agenda for the event and made some corrections.

Requested an allowance of \$250 to cover the expenses. On a motion by Tim, seconded by Dan, this amount was approved for Felix.

Student Veteran Seminar on 10/4:

This seminar was mentioned by Tim at the June meeting, but just got all the people necessary to approve the letter to sign just recently. Tim indicated that he would like approval to go forward with this event but we might move it to the spring. On a motion by Felix, seconded by Tim, the board approved hosting this type seminar.

New Business:

Felix informed the commission that Helen Gail in the P & R department has a cemetery plot in Royal Oak that she is willing to sell to a veteran for \$1000.

Tim filled the commission in on a number of items that he has been working on in the community: i.e., Veteran Courts, Homeless Vet program, Re-entry programs for vets leaving jail, etc.

The next meeting of the commission will be on Monday, October 10th, 6:30PM, in the P & R building.

On a motion by Felix, seconded by Ethel, the meeting closed at 7:50PM.

Tim Wirkus
Secretary

Approved at a regular board meeting on October 10, 2010, with one change that is highlighted.