



Middle Township Veteran's Advisory Board Agenda

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MEETING DATE/TIME: May 27, 2015 7:00pm

LOCATION: Township Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Maureen Harden-Lozier, Ed Dillio, Joe Griffies, Allyn Penkethman, Butch Hamer, Fred Trasatti, Jr., Bill Hawk, Howard Trout, and Krystel Arana.

FLAG SALUTE

WELCOME – MAYOR Tim Donohue

Introduction – Purpose/Mission of Board – First Project:

Mayor Donohue:

The purpose/mission of the Veterans Advisory Board is to represent our local veterans and through our actions improve their quality of life. He continued by thanking the members for their service to the country through their involvement in the board. And, he would like to see the succession of a Veterans Memorial Park center sometime in the near future. The park would serve as a history museum to educate individuals and society on the long-lasting effects war can have on a soldier and house memorabilia about Cape May County Veterans. The park would also serve as a resource center to help soldiers currently returning from overseas transition back into the routine of daily life by providing them with contact information and communications technology. A location of interest for this future project is the Cape May Court House American Legion Post #198.

Resource Person - Ed Dilio – American Legion Post #198 representative

Ed Dilio:

Expressed his ideas about an organized lesson built into the school curriculum to prepare students who are interested in a military career. He also spoke of offering two \$5,000.00 scholarships to the students of Middle Township's High School senior class who wrote the most exceptional essays regarding their decision to join the military. (Sponsored by American Legion Post #198).

WELCOME – CHAIRPERSON – expectations of meeting agendas and format

Maureen Lozier:

Would like to become more involved with The American Legion: Veterans Organization. Encouraged other Board members who are not current members of a Legion Post to join and support American Legion Post 198. Veterans Advisory Board Monthly meetings will run one and one half hours at the most.

INTRODUCTIONS – Presentation of brief Military – Civilian BIO by each member
Please limit to 2 -3 minutes

Each member spoke about their past involvements with the military and what they as individuals would personally like to accomplish through the board. One of the ideas involved healthcare and determining local medical facilities in the area that would be more easily accessible to Veterans.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Our main source of communication will be through email unless otherwise specified. Members updated the Contact Information Spreadsheet. A copy will be provided to the Board members in June once everyone has updated.

DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATE MEETING DAYS, TIMES and PLACES

Mostly everyone who attended the meeting had no problem with the meeting dates, time, and location. It was mentioned that one of the members who was unable to attend the meeting was going to have trouble with attending the meetings on Wednesday nights due to having to host Bingo.

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH BOARD OBJECTIVES

To be discussed at the next meeting being held on June 24, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS: 1 - O.C.E.A.N – Ocean Community Economic Action Now, Inc. request to meet with Board

To be discussed at the next meeting being held on June 24, 2015.

Other New Business

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QUESTIONS: N/A

ADJOURN: 8:45pm

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Krystal Arana

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman