



Middle Township Veteran's Advisory Board Agenda

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MEETING DATE/TIME: June 24, 2015 7:00pm Sharp
LOCATION: Township Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

FLAG SALUTE

WELCOME – CHAIRPERSON – expectations of meeting agendas and format
- Establish time allotted for each topic on agenda

INTRODUCTIONS – Presentation of brief Military – Civilian Bio – Members not present at the May meeting. Please limit to 2-3 minutes

No member who was absent during the meeting in May was present during the meeting in June.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION – concurrent with other Agenda items

Contact information was updated.

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH BOARD OBJECTIVES

Fred Trasatti, Jr.:

- *Educate Veterans on services available on matters such as transportation, healthcare benefits, and financial information.*

Bill Hawk:

- *Determine accessible resources for Veterans of all age groups.*
- *Teach the community that Veterans are valuable resources in learning about their needs.*
- *Discover easier to navigate websites for Veterans who are not, for instance, knowledgeable with computers.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Consolidate material on resources available and points of contacts in an organized manner.*
- *Differentiate information on whether the Veteran is disabled or not.*
- *Use available means such as technology and social media to spread information that is available.*
- *Visit nursing homes to meet with Veterans and guide them in the right direction.*

Howard Trout:

- *Echoed the concerns of the members who stated their objectives before him.*
- *Provide an outreach service for medical care.*
- *Inform Veterans of all age groups that there are people such as the Veterans Advisory Board working in the direction of improving their quality of life.*
- *Assist the American Legion with making the Memorial Park a reality.*

Joe Griffies:

- *Provide a confidential toll-free hotline for Veterans in crisis around the area.*
- *Establish a veterans' court to help those, charged with offenses as an alternative to incarceration, who may be struggling with service-related illnesses such as substance abuse, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, etc.*
- *Look into dental care assistance for older veterans.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Focus in the direction of constructing the American Legion Memorial Park which would include resources such as computers for utilization by veterans in searching for information.*
- *Create a tri-fold brochure containing contact information on means available in the area and distribute throughout local businesses.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Recognize female veterans.*
- *Emphasized the importance of reaching out to the younger veterans and assisting them.*
- *Design a Veteran ID Card illustrating, for example: veteran status, disability rating, and medical diagnosis.*

Committeemember Clark:

- *#1 reason for establishing the Veterans Advisory Board is to improve veterans' way of life and make a difference.*
- *Prioritize the importance of objectives and tackle on one challenge at a time.*

NEW BUSINESS:

1 – Update on American Legion Post #198 Project
- Support Letter -

2 – O.C.E.A.N – Ocean Community Economic Action Now, Inc.'s request
to meet with Board

*It was the board's final decision to hold off on this project due to
issues of greater importance when prioritized.*

3 – GI GO Fund

*The Board decided that this project was a topic of interest and will
be looked into at a future date.*

4 – Establish FIRST Veteran's Advisory Board project

*To continue to move ahead with our plans for establishing a Memorial
Park and resource center at the American Legion Post #198. And, to
collect and consolidate contact information for the project of producing a
tri-fold brochure containing resources available that will be distributed
throughout local businesses.*

5 – Other New Business

*Next meeting to be held held on July 22, 2015 at 7:00pm Township Hall,
second floor Conference Room*

QUESTIONS: N/A

ADJOURN: 8:20pm

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Krystal Arana

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman