



PARK BOARD MINUTES

**Regular Meeting Wednesday
7/19/2017
5:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kent Ross called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Present: Chair Ross, Monica Walvoord, Lou Murkowski, and Beverly Webber

Absent: Linda Goddard, Nate Styron

Staff: Steve Peretti, Katie Bolam

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 21, 2017 – **MOTION TO APPROVE** (Walvoord/Murkowski) – **Passed 4/0**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. EMAILS RECEIVED

None.

6. STATE OF THE PARKS REPORT

Director Peretti gave a brief report.

7. WEST MILTON FIELD UPDATE

None, due to Nate Styron's absence.
Lou noted far more sinking than noted in the past.

8. 911 MEMORIAL

Chair Ross referred to the plans included in the packet, which were shown to City Council earlier this week.

Vernon Dusseau II, consultant/building designer from Creative Comfort, explained the concept of the proposed 911 Memorial design. Jack Chandler was present as well, and further explained the design features.

Lou asked, if the piece was cut, could it be incorporated into the proposed design? Vernon assured that the structural integrity will not be compromised by keeping the full size of the piece of steel, and cutting it in half will not reduce the needed support strength.

Chair Ross explained that the Park Board's job is to make a recommendation to Council regarding the location of the Memorial.

Lou expressed appreciation for the proposed design and preference for Site #2, identified as just below the restrooms and adjacent to the parking area.

Monica said she agrees with a preference for Site #2.

Beverly said that she does not wish for the Park to become full of memorials – benches named after people, the VFW, this proposal, etc. She prefers Site #2, as well.

Citizen Comment:

- Heather Popp – concerns with the vertical placement of the full size of the artifact – feels that this design in Site #2 is a good compromise – and that everyone can live with
- Jack Chandler – this portion of the park allocated by City Council in 2013 would be our primary site for the Memorial – not usable for anything else – ability to easily meet ADA requirements
- James (on 911 Memorial committee) – feels this memorial should be placed where it is not hidden away but prominently displayed and seen from the roadway – there's a greater cause that needs to be honored
- Teresa Cosner – the Arlington Oak, the VFW Memorial, and this 911 Memorial help solidify the name "Triangle Park"
 - Chair Ross mentioned there's a need to move the Arlington Oak for that location
 - Vernon clarified that it does not need to be moved after all

Lou rebutted the argument against hiding the memorial away in the trees – whether a memorial is out in the open or not, that's not the point – the somberness is the point.

MOTION (Murkowski/Walvoord) to accept the proposed design and recommend to City Council the positioning of Site #2 near the parking area on Oak Street. **Passed 4/0.**

9. MILTON DAYS PARK BOARD PLANNING

Discussion regarding funds for the Ugly Dog Contest.

MOTION (Murkowski/Walvoord) to extend up to \$100 to Monica for certificates/prizes for the Ugly Dog Contest during Milton Days 2017, pending City approval. **Passed 4/0.**

10. MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members expressed happiness that the action on the 911 Memorial has been made.

Lou Murkowski:

- Unable to attend the August meeting

11. **ACTION ITEMS**

- Chair will follow up on the Ugly Dog
- Chair and Katie will provide an updated contact sheet on members
- Monica will shop and do the dog watering station

12. **ADJOURN** – 6:50 pm – Next meeting is August 16.

Approved at the meeting of August 16, 2017.

Kent Ross

Chair Kent Ross