

June 8, 2012

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD** was held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at 7:30 a.m., at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.

**Members present:** Lawrence Ritz, Rick Tupper, Bob Jamison, and Gene Tornow.

**Members absent:** Ron Mielke...

**Parks and Recreation staff present:** Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist.

**Others present:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

**Unfinished business:**

**Paver Replacement Project Update:** Tory Miedema reported that the new limestone pavers were delivered and the first paver order is underway. The plan is to replace the pavers one side at a time. A sign will be put up in both gardens to inform the park users of the project and duration. All the existing pavers will be replaced this year except for one side. This is due to a new interpretation of the engraving contract regarding maximum bid limits. All existing pavers not replaced this year will be replaced as soon as weather allows. Miedema will summarize the costs for the paver replacement project and present at the next meeting.

**Paver Kiosk Project Update:** The paver kiosk project was on hold while staff figured out a standard numbering system to make it easier to update the kiosk database and identify the location of the paver. Staff plans to meet with IT to figure out the software portion of the paver kiosk project. Once this is figured out, the plans can be finalized and put out for bids. Miedema will summarize the estimates for the project and present at the next meeting.

**Flag Day Event:** Don Kearney provided the itinerary for the Flag Day event.

**New business:**

**Fund Raising Report:** The total to date is \$745,501 with an unspent balance of \$110,093.

**Monument to Honor War Correspondents:** Aaron T. Pollard, Claims Office Supervisor for the SD Department of Veterans Affairs, requested a tribute honoring war correspondents be developed at Veterans Memorial Park. The information on the request was provided in the Board packets. No formal proposal was put together. The Board said they needed a formal proposal with details and funding sources for the tribute before they could take any action. Kearney said he would draft a letter to Mr. Pollard asking for detailed information on the request.

**Public input:** None.

With no further business before the board a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled on **Friday, August 10, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:

  
President