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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD** was held on Friday, February 17, 2017, at 7:30 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office.

**Members present:** Brian Vognild, Dick Birath, Rick Tupper, Michael Havlovic, and Mark Heisey.

**Members absent:** None.

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

**Others present:** Gene Tornow.

**Approval of Minutes (December 16, 2016)**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2016, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Public input:** Kearney presented Mr. Gene Tornow with a plaque to commemorate his time spent on the Board.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Veterans Plaza Project**—Tupper began this item by giving the new Board members a brief history of the Veterans' Plaza project. Patten then reviewed the latest project update form and described how it is utilized to track activity on the project. Tupper then reviewed progress on the project since the last meeting and discussed the next steps in the process. He discussed the need to form a group to lead the fund-raising campaign. This group will produce fund-raising strategies, develop fund-raising milestones, and identify sponsorship levels.

**New Business:**

**New Board Members Appointment**—Tupper announced the newly appointed Board members and facilitated an introduction from all meeting attendees. Tupper also gave a brief summary of the Board's history and the Board's role with the park.

**Election of Officers per Article 5**—Tupper began this agenda item by entertaining a motion for the election of a new president. A motion was made to appoint Brian Vognild the president of the Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with all

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present Board members voting yes. Next, a motion was made to appoint Dick Birath the vice president of the Veterans' Park Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Items added after the agenda deadline:** None.

**Staff Updates:** Patten provided the Board an update of recent park activities. The update included a review of paver sales for the first two months of 2017, account balances, and available space in the existing paver beds. Patten also discussed potential wrap ideas for the kiosk. Dick Birath presented possible ideas for the wrap, including a variety of "seals" that could be incorporated into the design. Over the next couple months, the Board will continue to brainstorm into potential themes for the wrap and will discuss them at the next Board meeting.

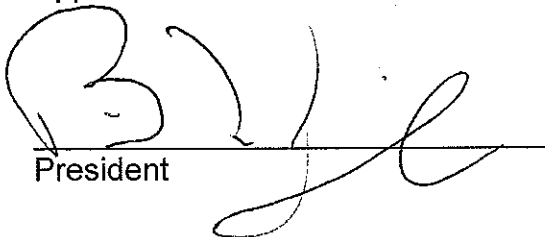
Patten also presented the Board with a draft agenda for the upcoming 2017 Flag Day celebration. The group briefly discussed possible themes and agenda items. Over the coming weeks, the Board will consider potential ideas for the event and will finalize the agenda at the next Board meeting.

**Open Board discussion:** None.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, April 21, 2017, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office, 100 East Sixth Street.

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President