



Parks & Recreation Commission Work Session
MARCH 22, 2023
SAFETYVILLE BUILDING IN SOUTH CENTRAL PARK
6:00 PM

The work session was called to order by Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse at 6:00p.m.

- Councilman Boose opened the Work Session for Director Kevin Fougrousse to make opening remarks regarding the Veteran’s Memorial.
- Director Fougrousse welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for attending the work session to hear the presentation of the Veteran’s Memorial Project.
- Jim Maleski with the Veteran’s Memorial Group spoke on the positives and challenges to the group.
- Around February of 2021 they decided to become a 501c-3.
- In June of 2021 they became a 501c-3. Started getting a lot of donations from businesses/service organizations from North Ridgeville.
- They have a Facebook page and website.
- The city really got behind this project.
- This was becoming a community effort. They were trying to keep all products/materials in North Ridgeville but that became difficult.
- Received 100,000.00 from the State of Ohio with a lot of help from Nathan Manning. The City received the money. The group has a year to spend.
- Received 50,000.00 from Lorain County Veterans Service Department.
- We are looking for feedback on the plans.
- Had a very productive meeting with the City.
- Keith Martin with MBD Homes will be the general contractor for the project.
- A question was asked by an individual regarding the drainage.
- Councilman Boose requested that all questions be asked after the project presentation.
- The project will go in stages.

- Still struggling with the budget and the cost of pavers.
- The only hiccup they may have is getting donations and timeframe when product is needed.
- Keith being the General Contractor will be dealing with the City on permits.
- A detailed discussion was had regarding the project.
- Councilman Boose asked if the 286,000.00 did that include the grants? Jim Maleski stated the grants are included.
- They are roughly short 54,000.00 to meeting their project budget.
- Councilman Boose asked what the construction timeline is?
- Keith Martin stated it would be 4 months from start to finish. They want to start over the summer with landscape planting in the Fall. Potentially starting July or August.
- Keriann Roach asked about maintenance? Mark Steinbrunner mentioned that they plan on keeping the committee together to make necessary repairs.
- Jim Maleski mentioned that they plan on having NR Leo's, through the Lions Club maintain the property.
- After completion it would be the Parks & Recreation Department job to maintain this structure.
- A question was asked how many pavers were sold? They stated only 93 have been sold so far. They want to sell roughly 1,000.
- A question was asked about the memorial in front of Olde Town Hall and how does that connect? Mark Steinbrunner stated that the memorial at Olde Town Hall is more historic. But they have worked with NR Historical Society during this process.
- Project total is 345,000.00
- A question was asked about the lighting and recent vandalism. Keith mentioned lighting will be stalled and they hope no one would vandalize a Veterans Memorial.
- A resident who lives next to the project asked about privacy issues? The Veterans Memorial Group mentioned that a bunch of pine trees will be installed to provide the homeowner with privacy.
- What has been the overall reaction from residents on the project? The reaction has been tremendous and extremely supportive.

Work session was adjourned at 6:45p.m.