

9/11 Memorial Committee Meeting

June 27, 2024 7pm

Bedford Branch Library

Present: Dusty Jordan, Myrta Gschaar-Jordan, Al Prieur, Jodi Russ, Scott Heacock

Absent: Rob Opshal, Bernadette Opshal

Call to order: 7:01pm

Announcements – Myrta reports that:

- A 1-million-dollar insurance policy has been obtained for the directors and officers of the organization for \$607 annually.
- A bank account has been established at Directions Credit Union.
- Official 501c3 status is complete donations can be accepted. Official letterhead will need to be designed to use as receipt for donations.
- Will be working with an attorney to get the design for the memorial trademarked.
- Myrta attended a health program at Bedford Senior Citizens Center and spoke with Tim Wahlberg at the event. He was supportive of the project.

Correspondence:

- Email received from Mark Wagner, architect for the Port Authority on 9/11/2001.

Gazebo:

- Jodi presented the history of the building and dedication of the gazebo. Her recommendation is to look at another spot in Bicentennial Park.
- Potentially some of the cottonwood trees could be removed to create more open space.

Presentation for Township Board:

- Al made recommendations, suggesting Myrta speaks from the heart for just a few minutes, letting the Township Board know who we are, what we're trying to accomplish, and that we're working on the location. Be sure to include:
 - Official 501c3 status is confirmed.
 - How many 9/11 Memorials there are throughout the world and that Bedford Township should be included on that map.
 - There are 44 families in Monroe County that were directly affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

Meeting adjourned 7:43.