

**MINUTES: DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**7:00pm, Thursday, March 5, 2020, City Hall**

*Attendance: Board members Rich Gaard, Brian Fuhrmann and Kathy Bakken. Andy Nimrod, Director and visitors Glen Larson, Ray Koshatka, George Tekippe and Mark Stockdale.*

*Chairman Gaard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. There was no public comment.*

*The Board considered a request from Glen Larson of the Veteran's Memorial Association to reconsider the size of the area set aside for a veteran's memorial from 40' to 50'. Larson explained that the memorial company they were working with said they could have a better layout of a memorial and more room for accessibility with 50'. Bakken noted that after park staff painted out the proposed change on the snow it was easy to see the difference, and though it was more than she expected, she was in favor of increasing the size. Fuhrmann noted more pavement could cause more drainage issues, but he would be fine supporting an increase in size. Gaard suggested moving the sidewalk along the parking spots west five feet to allow for a little more room if needed. Tekippe noted that the scale on the map was incorrect. Gaard motioned to increase the size from 40' to 50', Bakken seconded, all approved.*

*The Board then looked at a rough draft of an outline of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Decorah Parks and Recreation and the Decorah Veteran's Association. The Board asked that November 11, 2020 (Veteran's Day) be the deadline for the Veteran's Memorial Association to provide the DPR Board with a proposal on what the memorial would look like. The Board would then review it at their November meeting and consider its approval. Staff will need to have the MOU reviewed by insurance representatives as a next step.*

*Bakken motioned to adjourn, Fuhrmann seconded, all approved.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Andy Nimrod*

*Director*

*Decorah Parks and Recreation*