

Metuchen Parade Commission

April 5, 2021, 7:15-8:15PM

Attendees: Bernie Hetzel, Denis Kane, Terry Kohl, Patricia Lucas-Schnarre, Lynne Mueller and Elen Regan

Future Meeting Schedule: May 3, June 7, July 6*, Aug. 2, Sept. 7*, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

Minutes

- Lynne motioned to approve meeting minutes from March 2021 with minor edit. Minutes approved with this change.
- **Introduction**
 - New Commission member, Denis Kane, was introduced and provided everyone with his military background and current job. He will serve for the next three years as the commission's Armed Forces representative.
- **Memorial Day Parade**
 - Poster Contest
 - Patricia will review the direction provided by Bob Diken on how to upload to the Arts Council website and set up a meeting with Sammie Zhu, the high school student assigned to work on the project. Once they meet, directions and deadline will be provided to all the art teachers.
 - Rolling Parade
 - Patricia will reach back out to Rob Donovan on the timing and route for the Rolling Parade. Once received, it is to be shared with the Chief of Police. We will also relay this information to The Mirror so it can be included in the article about Memorial Day.
 - Signs
 - Lawn sign design was approved by all members.
 - Lynne will ask Issac for the MDA's help collecting payment and Colleen at Cai's to be a location for lawn sign pick-up the weekend of May 15/16.
 - Blue Parachute will create the flyer that will be used to promote the signs and Memorial Day plans. Lynne noted that The Mirror's ad deadline is April 15. Flyer will be provided to the schools for distribution and posted on social media.
 - Lynne will confirm Brandon Uhlig will be live streaming the ceremony as he did last year.
 - Memorial Park Ceremony
 - Denis to reach out to Walter at the American Legion to discuss this year's ceremony. Would like to see it be more inclusive of both the civilian and military communities. Suggested to ask Walter for his perspective on gaps that need to be filled. Commission would like to be more involved. Also, need confirmation on the start time for the flyer.
- **Mid-year presentation to Borough Council**
 - Susan Jackson no longer works for the Borough. Ellen will find out who is taking her place and schedule the 2021 mid-year presentation
 - Patricia will send the presentation that was presented to the Borough Council in January to Denis for his reference.

- **Winter Festival**
 - Lynne and Ellen will meet with the heads of the Temples to further discuss the new Menorah for the Plaza.
 - Bernie plans to do inventory on the lights in mid-May. He also offered to meet with Mayor Busch to get his thoughts on what and where he would like to see additional lights before meeting with Outdoor Lighting Perspectives after Memorial Day.
 - Teri shared that Rise Up chorus would definitely like to be involved again this year.

- **New Business**
 - Commission agreed to meet via Zoom for future meetings. Lynne offered to set up with her account.