

**Hartland Area Community Council**  
**March 30, 2015**

Attending: Leo Bard, Larry Ciofu, Gary Cornillaud, Jan Cornillaud, Kay Fountain, Walter Johnston, Barbara Krueger, Richard Krueger, Doug Kuhn, Kim Ladd, Ceci Marlow, Judy Paulsen, Gayle Roberts, Jacob Roberts, Sandy Roberts, Cliff Schiesel, Ginny Smoot, Jim Sparks.

President Dick Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

The minutes were reviewed. Kay Fountain moved acceptance of the minutes, Leo Bard seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Sparks questioned the flag being first in the 2015 parade. Discussion followed about the sheriff's presence, adding a drum and giving the responsibility for clearing the road to the color guard. Motion carried.

The treasurer's balance is \$5,836.70. Several checks for advertising in the Memorial Day Parade Booklet were received tonight. Doug Kuhn moved that the Treasurer's Report be put on file. Leo Bard seconded. Motion carried.

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Grand Marshall: Two nominations were received. Ginny Smoot nominated Dick and Barbara Krueger as joint Grand Marshalls. The second nomination was made anonymously for Alan and Wanda Spicer of Spicer Orchards as joint Grand Marshalls. Cliff Schiesel read the nominations aloud. Barbara Krueger responded that as she and Dick are still active in leadership roles for Memorial Day this 2015, they respectfully declined. Doug Kuhn volunteered a motion to make them Grand Marshalls for 2016 when they do expect to be out of the leadership role. Doug Kuhn made that motion; Jan Cornillaud seconded the nomination of 2016 Grand Marshalls as Dick and Barbara Krueger. Dick stated that he believes it is premature to elect the Grand Marshalls for 2016—who knows what may happen between now and then. Dick is following Steve Assenmacher's lead in this. The current motion regarding the 2016 Grand Marshall nomination was tabled. Motion passed. The 2015 Grand Marshalls are Alan and Wanda Spicer. Kay Fountain moved that the Grand Marshalls for 2015 are Alan and Wanda Spicer. Walter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandy Roberts reported that Gayle Roberts has a volunteer couple who are very interested in handling the publicity for the parade. They just completed the publicity for the Village Elementary Moms to Moms Sale and drew from a distance. Andy and Katrina Brown said yes they'd like to volunteer for this. Gayle will take information to them; they were unable to attend tonight.

Barbara asked that Sandy look at last year's schedule to see if it fits in with this year, or if there are changes needed. Ditto, the map on the back of the booklet, again so that the changes can be communicated. Both Barbara and Dick requested an email address so that they can include them in emails with Sandy. This can also be shared with Jacob so that he can stay abreast as well.

Barbara said she has received quite a few of military photos to include in the Memorial Day Parade Booklet. Mildred Rowe recently passed away. She was a correspondent, via Community Life, with many area residents who were in the service. Barbara got addresses from Doug Kuhn and she has now contacted the service people. Barbara wants to provide a half page of Mildred who was a welder in the tank manufacturing plant in Grand Blanc.

Barbara has contacted the members of the Chamber. She'd also like to include the list of all the past Grand Marshalls which is at least two pages worth—more advertising is needed to support all of these additional pages. Barbara also intends to invite the past Grand Marshalls to come to be in the parade. So a vehicle is needed—the Spicers' train is recommended. Everything is due no later than April 15.

Doug said that the veterans will pursue the drummer for the front of the parade as well as the trumpet for “Taps.”

Dick has had a few communications with Sharon Grech regarding vendors. He believes that things are going fairly well.

Doug asked Dick if we will have that moment of silence. It needs to be in the schedule and on the web site. There will need to be an announcement at the bridge.

Flyover coordination: Jim Sparks reported that the Air Force has approved it, so Selfridge will be flying. Dick made the call on the antique aviation today and will pursue.

Flyover buttons: Larry Ciofu has 145 at the Hartland Township Hall, another 100 went to Dwight Sachau right away. Kim Ladd reported that a lot of them are being sold at the Senior Center by one of the veterans.

Entertainment: Dick asked if anyone planned to contact the high school band director, Brad Laibly, regarding playing following the parade at Epley Park. Kay will ask including that the band will be in the parade. Kay asked if the “Taps” players are coming from the high school band. Doug said he needs to follow up with Mr. Laibly. Doug also needs to talk with Mrs. Letovsky because some singers are needed, too. Kay will send an email to Brad Laibly, telling him that Doug will follow up with a phone call tomorrow or Wednesday. Dick asked Kay to communicate with the Ore Creek Middle School band director as well to make sure they are marching in the parade.

Dick reserved Epley Park for Memorial Day and talked with Michelle Otis regarding help from school staff with the maintenance of Epley Park. Dougie from Dougie's Disposal is on track for clean-up. Dick said that he has talked with the Fire Department and the Township—the request is in for road closures. The parade applications are out—community ed, libraries, chamber, township hall, on the web site. Black Rock did put in an application for a float. Big Boy's ad mentions having a float in the parade as well. Possible additions to the Epley Park include a climbing wall. Doug suggested the Marines having a display. Dick encouraged Doug to pursue those.

Luminary walk is planned—Doug said the ceremony's time will coordinate with the walk. Gary suggested that the ceremony is at 8:30 pm. Begin at the cemetery for the luminary walk at 7:30 pm. Gary will contact Tami Cain and Paul Schiedler for the re-enactors in the cemetery. Barbara needs the time for the parade booklet. Re-enactors will be at the cemetery from 7:00 pm. It was agreed. “Taps” will follow the 8:30 pm ceremony, 9:30-ish. Chairs and sound system are needed for the ceremony. School hasn't been able to get them in place. Dick will be responsible for picking up and taking care of the sound system. Dick will make sure the chairs are available—Doug will be responsible for them.

Jim asked if the participation ribbons have been ordered. Larry Ciofu will order them. Participation ribbons are timeless, no year. Award ribbons are specific to the year.

Kay reported that instead of four carts there will be three carts. The shuttle cart will not be available that day. The Senior Center bus was used. But some need help getting to the cemetery before the parade, if at all possible. Kim will look into it—the Senior Center bus would be needed at 9 am. A school bus gets the folks to the Parshallville Cemetery but cannot be used to move folks from Spranger Field to Hartland Cemetery.

Village Elementary Pancake Breakfast is on schedule. No further report of changes regarding the run.

#### Old Business

Village décor: Spring banners are up. Christmas decorations came down at the same time. Lots of broken light bulbs. Plans for next year should have them coming down sooner. One problem that cannot be addressed is the decorations being frozen to the light pole.

Heritage Day: Heidi is ill and unable to attend tonight. She has sent quite a few advertising requests out for the booklet. She has all of the photo permission slips so the calendars will be ordered and arrive in time for the Memorial Day Parade. She plans a bounce house, weather permitting, for the one day. Barbara and others are coordinating the village tours. Ore Creek Pet clinic will do a pet parade. She is coordinating with the businesses regarding the scarecrow contest with the expectation that they will be up at the event. Saddle show exhibit, free. Pilgrim cutouts, pizza eating contest, details still in works. Bake sale from one church, small crafts for kids, potato sack races. A local restaurant has approached about having a beer/wine tent—Heidi asked the Council to give this some thought for the next meeting. Kay reported that it was okay at the Winterfest, but a three-hour window there was insufficient to make funds to cover the insurance cost. Howell Nature Center Bus will also be there—Cromaine received the grant again.

#### New Business

Ernie Grover, community resident, just passed away. His service will be April 11, 1 pm, at the cemetery. He was the local American Legion Post's oldest veteran.

Leo brought up the Village home's roofing project. Community Council pledged to help. Leo noted that the winter tax bill includes the "Veterans Relief" millage and will likely fund this. Doug noted that this nickel per thousand millage was passed by the legislature in 1898 which required all counties in Michigan to implement the tax. The county's Veterans office has been to the home, taken photos, making some estimates. Doug said that in the next two weeks, a five-member county board will meet to discuss this application (and others) which will determine the amount of assistance, if any, will be provided. So far, including the Community Council's pledge of \$1,000, the pledges in place total \$12,000. Project is expected to be \$15-20,000. Dick asked if someone from the Post would accompany the homeowner to advocate if needed. Doug is considering attending as well; Leo, too.

Chris Peterson's memorial service is April 18 at 1:00 pm. He was a caretaker at the Hartland Music Hall.

Ceci invited everyone to Big Read events—April 2 Name changing identity; April 15, an evening with Hemingway, Frost, and Ayn Rand. April 17, ML Leibler at the Music Hall.

Jan moved that we adjourn at 7:48 pm. Leo seconded.