

Curtenius Guard

Camp #17

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Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Meeting Minutes

28 September 2010

Samuel W. Grinnell
GAR Post #283 Hall
115 Main Street
Sunfield, Michigan

Meeting held at Dana Traub Café located
at 5661 Saginaw Hwy
Sunfield.

Commander George Roux assigned
Brothers to fill vacancies of absent
officers by appointment Pro Temp.

I. Opening Ritual:

Camp Commander George Roux opened
the meeting per the Ritual at 7:20 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Brothers Present: Arnold, Benedict,
Bennetts, G Copenhaver, T Copenhaver,
Czopek, Deardorff, K. Harrison, Hodges,
Langworthy, Peabody, Pahl Sr.,
Reckline, Rehkopf, Roux, Shull, B
Shumway, J Shumway, Traub, Steel, and
Zank

Brothers Excused: Aves, Bankhead,
Bauer, Coons, Emerick, Haines,
Hamilton, N Harrison, Hilts, Hoffman,
Holcomb, MacVean, Nash, Pahl Jr.,
Rousseau, Thomas and Zowe.

Guests included; Department
Commander Don Shaw, Nathan Dolman,
Robert Pane, Dick Williams

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion
was made and seconded to approve the
minutes as transmitted; motion passed.

IV. Concern for Brothers: Lavern
Aves daughter is in the hospital in BC

V. New Members and Initiations:
Robert Russell Pane whose Third Great
Grand Father was John Webster from the

14th Mi Vol Inf. application was read.

Robert application was voted on and
approved.

VI. Committee Reports:

Camp Council: – No report.

Bylaws - No report.

Memorials and Graves Registration: –
No report.

GAR Monuments: – Hastings moving of
the monument is on hold and a hand out
was passed out from the Hastings
Banner. See attached article.

Eagle Scouts Certificates: – Two scouts
from Williamson have receive Eagle
Scout Certificate, Ian Campbell on
October 10th and Grant Smith on October
24th.

Membership – No new ones at this time.

Veterans' Day: – Nov 6 Detroit the sons
will be a department event if you
participate please wear any uniforms you
might have, please wear you badge
whatever you wear. You can stay at
Historical Fort Wayne for free. You will
being eating out, there will also be car
pooling to the parade staging area.



Nov 11 Mason will have their parade on
Thursday at 3p.m.

Nov 7 will be the massing of the color at
the State of Michigan Library.

Military Affairs: – No report.

Patriotic Instruction: - Brother Reckline
was given a certificate and pin for
completing the memorial university
course.

Program and Publicity: - CW history
seminar will be starting after the first of
the year.

Hall Restoration: – the painting is all
done

Ryan Clark's Eagle Scout project of
replacing the flag poles has been
completed.

The roof leak was repaired last Thursday
afternoon.

Also we will be adding storm window
for security.

Memorial Day Activities – No report.

Grinnell Award. No report.

VII. Orders and Communications:

General Order #3 was read on the
passing of Arthur Clark. It is with deep
regret that I announce the passing of
Brother Arthur Clark of Chaplin Camp
#3 in Bangor, Maine. He and his brother
George were presented Real Sons
certificates and SUVCW badges at the
gravesite of their father on 23 August,
2003. Brother George passed away in
2005 and Brother Arthur passed away on
31 August, 2010. Their father Edwin
Clark served in the Union Navy aboard
the Maria A. Wood. Brother Clark was
born in February 1916 to the late Edwin
T. S. and Lillian S. (Sweet) Clark; Art
was a WWII Veteran and served with the
Royal Canadian Army Service Corp.

Ken Freshly from the Department of
Ohio is requesting endorsement for the
next National Jr vice.

Per capital has been increased by \$5

VIII. Unfinished Business: -No
Report.

IX. New Business: The head stone
dedication in Fairview Cemetery in
Dansville will at 2:30 on November
14th. Please be there at least 60 minutes
before.

Curteinus Guard Camp 17, SUVCW - Financial Report

7/27/2010 through 9/28/2010

9/27/2010

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Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 7/26/2010				6,197.97
7/28/2010	DEP	S Deposit	Per Capita	33.00
			Per Capita	51.00
			Hall Restoration Fund	69.51
7/28/2010	1012	S O'Leary Paint Co.	Hall Painting Project	-45.47
			Max O"Neil Bequest	-259.40
			Hall Restoration Fund	-233.32
7/28/2010	1013	S Harold Holcomb	Per Capita	-11.50
8/7/2010	1014	S Randy Atkinson	Hall Restoration Fund	-220.00
8/10/2010	1015	S Insty-Prints	General Fund	-104.90
8/14/2010	1016	National Organizati...	General Fund:Supplies	-137.50
9/3/2010	1017	Department Of MI, ...	Per Capita	-51.00
9/4/2010	DEP	S Deposit	Per Capita	24.00
			Hall Restoration Fund	20.00
			General Fund:Supplies	104.90
9/7/2010		Service Charge	Bank Charge	-11.75
7/27/2010 - 9/28/2010				-772.43
BALANCE 9/28/2010				5,425.54
TOTAL INFLOWS				302.41
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-1,074.84
NET TOTAL				-772.43

ACCOUNTS:

General Fund:	\$1,728.88
Hall Restoration Fund:	\$3,696.66
Total:	\$5,425.54

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

Hastings Community Development Director John Hart and Downtown Development Authority member Jim Brown gave a presentation to the Barry County Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole (COW) Tuesday morning regarding the proposal to move the Civil War monument.

The 42-foot statue currently stands at the entrance to Tyden Park, and the proposal suggests moving the monument to the corner of the Barry County Courthouse lawn near the corner of South Broadway and East State streets.

Hart said the DDA had completed its survey of the courthouse grounds and created a preliminary site plan to illustrate the possible placement of the war memorial with respect to existing landscaping. When the creation of a war memorial on the northwest corner of the courthouse lawn was initially proposed to the COW, some members of that body expressed concern that the monument could in fact result in the removal of existing trees, some of which are believed to have been planted as a memorial several years ago.

Hart said that while COW members had previously suggested moving the memorial closer to the intersection, the DDA chose not to explore that option.

"...What we wanted to do was create a tranquil place for folks to reflect, and stay on the lawn shaded by the trees, someplace where they could be, for a certain amount of time, be out of the traffic, in a calming place where they could just retreat to," said Hart. "If we moved it up further, we would not be reflecting. And, it would be also, more of an iconic sort of vista-creating obelisk, something that would bring you into the city and such. But really, like the fountain, we wanted to bring it inward."

Hart said that the study found, that most of the trees were, "out of harms way," with the relocation of the monument to that location.

"We would need some trimming around the 33-inch (girth) maple to make sure that there wasn't any conflict with the monument at its highest peak," he said. "The 15-inch (girth) maple is the only item that would restrict view of the monument. It wouldn't impact it structurally but it would impact the view."

"So ... our approach would be to see if we could (use) this site in here without any harm to any of the trees, trim up the canopy a little bit and then later... knowing that this 15-inch maple would be more desirable not to be there. But, we could put that in place now," added Hart.

He also noted that the shrubs, yews and dogwoods could be moved to the other side of

the historical marker, which would make it more symmetrical with the other historical marker on the lawn.

County Board Chairman Bob Houtman asked about the 15-inch maple and whether it was planted as a memorial.

Hart said that the DDA's research did not yield any concrete information about that particular tree.

"So, if fact, eventually if the 15-inch had to come down, is the DDA prepared, through some financial means, to replace it somewhere else?" asked Houtman.

"No problem," said Brown.

"We would like to enhance the site with additional landscaping," said Hart. "We want to come to you with a plan. So, if there is a plan that you wanted four or five trees, and mark something to dedicate to it ... Obviously, we wouldn't be putting in 15-inchers, they would be much smaller trees..."

Brown said that all additional landscaping and memorials would be documented, "so nobody has this conversation a hundred years from now."

Commissioner and COW member Jeff VanNortwick brought his own site plan, which he said reflected the true growth of the trees as they mature.

That's what (the DDA's) site plan really doesn't do. It doesn't reflect what the mature canopy of those plants will be," he said. "While I don't think you are trivializing the value of these trees, I think it is important that we truly reflect what the mature growth rate of those plants will be, whether it is our lifetime or the next generation's lifetime for the perpetual care of this."

VanNortwick said the memorial's intrusion on the root system of the trees could have a negative impact on the plants.

"As anyone who has academic training in agriculture would understand, when you start getting underneath the canopy of a tree, you are essentially in the root zone of that plant and there is detriment to that plant," he said adding that the Michigan State University forestry or landscape architecture school would provide guidance in that regard if requested to do so.

"I, for one, am not opposed to having (the monument) on the courthouse lawn. But, I am opposed to having it when it is going to end up like this for our ancestors that thought we were going to take good care of these trees," said VanNortwick. "I think that it is important that we put the monument in a more suitable location, and it is my thought that it could be moved out ... until such time I am going to have a hard time buying into this."

Commissioner Mike Bremer said he understood what VanNortwick was saying about the trees and the canopy but, "I think our

ancestors understand that trees don't live forever - lightning strikes, disease comes. Any number of things could come. I think with proper care and pruning, the trees will still be able to mature, the canopy can surround the memorial. I think our ancestors would be happy with us to see this memorial on the courthouse lawn ... The trees around the fountain seem to be doing pretty good."

"We'd like folks to know it's there," said Hart. "That's one of the issues now, is that it is nestled between some trees and you can't see it and it's not a place you would linger very long, or reflect."

A member of the audience interrupted to say that she had been to Colonial Williamsburg and Mount Vernon and felt that what makes some statues "more gorgeous" was the trees surrounding them, "instead of sticking up like a sore thumb with nothing around it."

A motion was made and supported to rec-

ommend the county board of commissioners allow the DDA and city to move ahead and develop more detailed construction drawings for the Civil War monument's placement on the courthouse lawn. The recommendation is subject to approval by the county board.

Before the vote, VanNortwick said COW needed to "slow this bus down" and get more arboreal advice and expertise before giving its approval to the City and DDA to proceed to the next stage of planning.

After further discussion the motion was approved with VanNortwick casting the sole dissenting vote.

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Meeting Announcement and Agenda
Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 P.M.

Tentative Agenda

- I. **Opening Ritual**
- II. **Roll Call of Officers**
- III. **Roll Call of Camp**
- IV. **Welcome to Guests**
Approval of Minutes
- V. **Treasurer' Report**
Membership dues for 2011—Jim Pahl
Concerns for Brothers
Brother Lavern
- VI. **Reading of applications from candidates for membership (if any)**
- VII. **Balloting for candidates for membership**
- VIII. **Initiations of new brothers**
- IX. **Recess**
- X. **Committee Reports**
- XI. **Orders and Communications**
- XII. **Old Business (Review of camp activities since last meeting)**
Aaron Parks—Rededication at the Fairview Cemetery in Dansville
November 6th Detroit Veterans Day Parade
November 7th Lansing Massing of the Flags Program at the State Museum
November 11th South Eaton County Cemetery Veterans Eagle Scout Project
November 11th Mason/Ingham County Veterans Day Parade
November 13th Michigan's first Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference
Article about Brother Keith Harrison in Michigan History Magazine
Web site: <http://seekingmichigan.org/civil-war>
- XIII. **New Business**
List of nominations and election of camp officers for the camp for 2011
Election of Brothers to be delegates to the 2011 Department Encampment
Update on any future Camp Sponsored Civil War Seminars—Brother Arnold
- XIV. **Good of the Order**
Rememberance Day Activities in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Patriotic Instructors Report
Closing Ritual