

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2017

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Prayer:

Kenny Brown was asked to lead in prayer and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Charles Randall called roll; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Secretary Charles Randall, Member Nathan Young IV, Member Joe Brooks. Member Nicky Michael was not present. There were six Council members present and we had a quorum.

Joe Brooks made the motion that Nicky Michael's absence be excused since she was speaking at Indiana University, Chief Chester Brooks seconded the motion for discussion purposes. After discussion, the motion failed 2 yes, 4 no (Nathan Young IV, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Charles Randall and Benita Shea), absence will be recorded as unexcused.

At Chief Chester Brook's request, Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to amend the agenda to allow Kenny Brown to make a presentation on what the Veterans Committee plans to do, seconded by Charles Randall. Motion to approve amended agenda passed 6 Yes.

Kenny Brown presented two charts showing plans for a Veterans Memorial to be constructed on the North side of the path around the pond. The Veterans Committee has set aside \$5,000.00 of their trust account as start-up money for this Memorial and will have an auction at the Copan Pow Wow and the proceeds from that will go toward the Memorial. Also, they will be looking for grants to help fund it. It would have the American and Tribal flags with the Service Flags in between. The area required would be roughly 45 feet by 60 feet. It is expected that retired Veterans in the area would take care of and maintain the area and take care of the flags.

Joe Brooks made the motion to designate 70 feet by 70 feet for the Veterans Committee Memorial Wall, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that the Tribe commit a matching \$5,000.00 to the construction of the Memorial Wall project, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved. Benita Shea requested that if there were changes to the project that the Council be kept informed.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

John Thomas presented a paper by Honor Keeler, Director, International Repatriation Project Association on American Indian Affairs Testimony before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Field Hearing on "The Theft, Illegal Possession, Sale, Transfer and Export of Tribal Cultural Items" October 18, 2016. He also presented an idea to follow the trail we used back to the homelands. John also stated that he and Brice Obermeyer would like to present their project plan at the next Tribal Council meeting.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Chief Chester Brooks asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes. Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to accept the minutes of the Tribal Council Meeting of March 21, 2017 as written, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that Delaware Court and Child Support Services/Family Services have set the date for the open house at the Caney facility for afternoon of Thursday April 27.

Also, Senator James Lankford is scheduled to be here on April 20. He will be here about 11:15 AM and stay until about 1:00 PM. He wants to have about 10 minute briefing, a tour of the Campus, and have lunch with the Elders with a question and answer session.

Brice Obermeyer had mentioned at the last Council Meeting that there were three upcoming events, the opening of the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia on April 19 of this year. April 20 and 21, there will be a conference in Tulsa and Miami, Oklahoma called Community Engaged Scholarship in Indian Country and then May 9 thru the 11th there will be a Tribal Consultation Meeting with the Forest Service on how to address states without Federally Recognized Tribes at Grey Towers near Delaware Water Gap in northeast Pennsylvania.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Nicky Michael to go to the Tulsa and Miami conference on April 20 and 21 and Chief Chester Brooks and Joe Brooks to go on April 21st only, the funding to come out of Brice's budget, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Benita Shea made the motion to approve Bonnie Jo Griffith to go to the opening of the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia on April 19, the funding to come out of Brice's budget, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Chief Chester Brooks, Nicky Michael and Charles Randall to go to the Tribal Consultation Meeting on May 9 thru the 11th at Grey Towers, the funding to come out of Brice's budget, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith.

Reports:

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes announced that the Delaware Indian News DIN went to print last night so we should be receiving it in the next week or so. The new Elder Nutrition Director and he will be attending the State OICOA meeting next week in Tulsa on April 12 and 13. He announced that we have filled two more of our key positions, the new accounting Clerk is Johnnie Barker who has returned to us from the Osage Nation and the new Elder Nutrition Director Ronda Williams who will be serving as Elder Nutrition Director as well as the Chief's Administrative Assistant.

It was announced that we have had our first storm since the roof was fixed and there were no leaks.

Joe Brooks made a motion to fill our Wellness Center Attendant position for hours 7:30am until 4:00pm to be paid for by our Tribal Contingency from the 106 funds, seconded by Nathan Young IV. After discussion, the motion was modified to table until the next meeting after we have received a job description with further duties defined. This should be available by the next Council Meeting. All approved tabling the motion until the next meeting.

Two new treadmills have been ordered to replace the current ones that are worn out and the cost of repairing them exceeds the cost of new ones.

We are in the process of cleaning the Caney facilities in preparation of the Open House. It is planned to begin tomorrow sorting through documents to identify what needs to be archived and our janitor will be going up to clean the facilities. Since the Open House is on Thursday it was suggested that Vans could be used after Bingo to transport Elders. It was also suggested that the Open House remain open until 7:00pm to accommodate people who work.

New Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that we add all Council Members as check signors, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All Approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-12 Enrollment Membership for 23 new members, seconded by Joe Brooks. All Approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-13 to certify Benjamin Scott Miller as a Delaware Artist, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All Approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-14 to submit an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) FY 2017 for construction of an Early Head Start Center located on two-plus acres of land east of the Child Development Center, seconded by Charles Randall. All Approved.

It was noted that Sherry Rackliff has written a number of grants that have benefited the Tribe greatly. Two years ago, the one grant she applied for that we did not get was for Elder Housing and the reason we didn't get it was that we don't have a Housing Authority. We have a Housing Department and therefore did not qualify for the grant. Eventually we need to look at what we need to do to get the Housing Authority back.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-15 designating an Indian Sacred Site on Federal Public Lands within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation area pursuant to Executive Order 13007 as revised to correct a spelling error and list the Delaware Tribe of Indians first in the list of participants, seconded by Charles Randall. All Approved.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary

Approved