

**MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND COMMISSION**

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Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2017

Meeting No. 97

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Szczubelek at 1:15 p.m. in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lake Superior Conference Room.

Members Present: Howard Ryan, Lin Emmert, John Szczubelek, Mary Johnson, Ken Rochell, and Dane Hengesbach. Diane Philpot participated in discussion via telephone, but did not vote on business.

Guests: Joel Gordon, Steve Pirochta, Rick Hoeksema, and Pete Walter.

1. Additions to the Agenda:

Chairperson John Szczubelek suggested that the Agenda be revised to allow Mary Johnson to provide a verbal report concerning her meeting with Department of Technology, Management & Budget personnel concerning the Commission's Facebook page. The Commission approved the suggestion by acclamation.

2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2017:

Lin Emmert moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mary Johnson. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Financial Update:

Dane Hengesbach provided a financial statement to the Commission.

4. Chairperson's Report:

John Szczubelek informed the Commission about various activities undertaken by Commission members and other supporters of the Memorial Monument.

5. Commission's Facebook page:

Mary Johnson reported on her meeting with DTMB personnel and other facts concerning the Facebook page.

6. Modification of signage at the site for construction of the Memorial Monument:

Joel Gordon informed the Commission about ongoing efforts to update the signage at the site.

7. Resolution to approve modification of the contract for professional services for design and construction of the Memorial Monument:

Mary Johnson moved, and Ken Rochell seconded, a motion to approve the following resolution:

Whereas the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget ("DTMB") administers a contract for professional services for the design and construction of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument; and

Whereas it is necessary to modify this contract regarding the costs of these professional services by increasing the allowance for these costs by \$18,504.00; and

Whereas the Commission may approve this increase and authorize Joel Gordon to prepare a justification and written contract modification for review by either the State Administrative Board or the DTMB Facilities & Business Services Administration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission approves this increase in the amount of \$18,504.00 and authorizes Joel Gordon to prepare a justification and written contract modification for review by either the State Administrative Board or the DTMB Facilities & Business Services Administration.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

8. Resolution to approve an expenditure for a July 25, 2017 fundraiser at the Crystal Gardens restaurant:

Mary Johnson moved, and Lin Emmert seconded, a motion to approve the following resolution:

Whereas § 6(3) of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Act requires an individual or organization to have prior written approval to raise money in the name of the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund; and

Whereas at its May 4, 2017 meeting, the Commission approved a resolution providing for the means and conditions under which the Commission shall provide this prior written approval; and

Whereas an organization known as "Friends of the Sentinel," under the direction of Ms. Sharon Lollo, the Assistant Legislative Director for Attorney General Bill Schuette, has, within the conditions prescribed in the Commission's May 4, 2017 Resolution, organized a fundraising event to be held at the Crystal Gardens restaurant in Howell, Michigan, on July 25, 2017; and

Whereas the event will feature as guest speakers, among others, Detroit Chief of Police James E. Craig, Michigan Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Blaine A. Koops, and Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Director Bob Stevenson; and

Whereas the event has already raised approximately \$2,000 in donations since it was announced and publicized in late June; and

Whereas the event is expected to raise another \$10-15,000; and

Whereas the cost for Crystal Gardens to provide the venue, audiovisual equipment, and food for the event is \$6,749.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission approves an expenditure in the amount of \$6,749.00 to cover these costs.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

9. Display of the Memorial Monument model at the Michigan State Police Headquarters:  
Ken Rochell informed the Commission that the Michigan State Police would like to display the model in the foyer of the MSP Headquarters. Joel Gordon discussed the logistics of moving the model from its present location to the MSP Headquarters.
10. Donations:  
Lin Emmert and Diane Philpot informed the Commission of recent fundraising activities and the resulting donations.
11. Capitol Area Unity Team:  
Steve Pirochta, Rick Hoeksema, and Pete Walter informed the Commission about their very impressive fundraising activities as part of a delegation of Michigan bicyclists who have raised money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund by riding to the National Memorial with support from family, friends, and sponsors. The gentlemen expressed their desire to assist the Commission in its efforts to raise money for the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.