



Resolution

No. 2017-37

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WHEREAS, County Forest land, further described as located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 12, Township 47 North, Range 9 West (see Exhibit A), in the Town of Hughes, has been identified as the parcel of interest; *and*

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WHEREAS, during their meeting on May 12, 2017, the Forestry and Parks Committee approved Across the Pond's project and acquisition proposal and recommended the issue be sent to the County Board for consideration; *and*

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if the application for withdrawal from County Forest Law is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors approves the sale of the above described property to Across the Pond, in the amount of \$1.00, but only after Across the Pond provides official documentation of receiving non-profit status.



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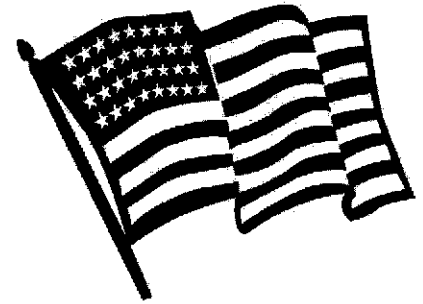
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Across The Pond Veterans Park



Northwest corner of the Iron River Flowage located at Highway 2 and Orlowski Road, Iron River. 10 acre land parcel recently sold to Across The Pond Veterans Park by the Bayfield County Forestry Department.

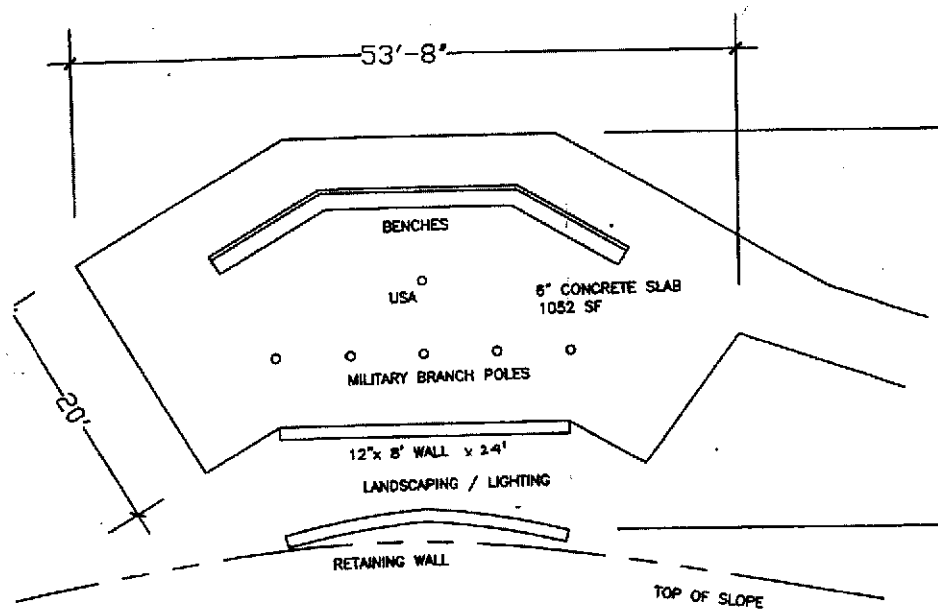
MISSION STATEMENT

“To honor all members of the military, past and present, providing opportunities, resources and a location for education, socialization and rehabilitation, with the purpose to guide and prepare for the future.”



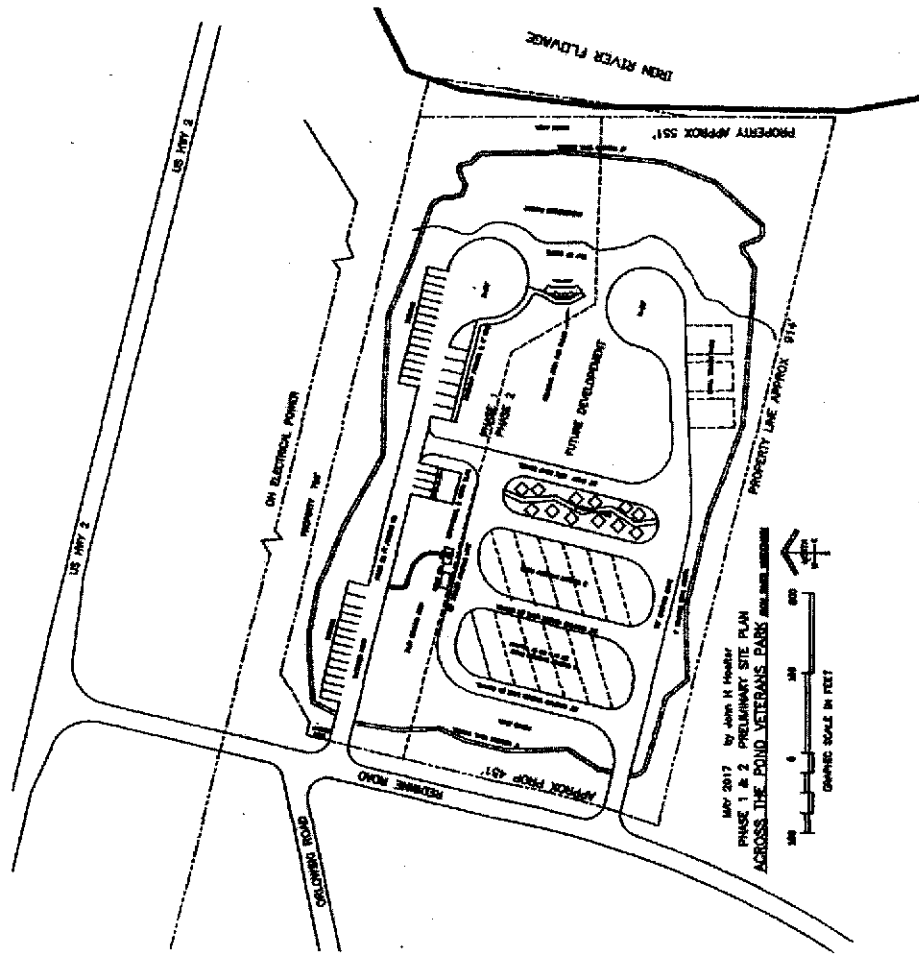
Memorial to be built at the top of this hill, overlooking the Flowage.

Proposed Memorial Rendering



PLAN MEMORIAL AREA

SCALE : 1/8" = 1'-0" NORTH →



Proposed Park Plans

*Note division between Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Phase 1 Description of Construction Activity

- Public facility for the Veterans Memorial, picnic area and walking pathway.
- Construction activity will include clearing of debris, shrubs and trees to accommodate a driveway, parking, memorial site, picnic area and maintenance building. Earth moving and rough grading of the Phase 1 site will be on a cut and fill basis to accommodate drainage to the northwest, meeting the present topography.
- Access road and parking area will be asphalt, and concrete pavement with solid surface walks for the memorial site. Areas will be handicapped accessible for public access. Landscaping and site lighting for safety will be a key planning effort.

Phase 2 Description of Construction Activity

- Phase 2 will begin as funds are available.
- Will include gravel roads, camping pads with season UG electrical. Tent camping area will be gravel pads, walkways and landscaped.
- A picnic area will include BBQ cooking stands and picnic tables.
- A waste dump and holding tank facility for mobile home waste will have a concrete pad, UG electric, and water connections.
- A septic system for the site is possible for future needs.

Financial Status and Development

- Work group has developed a projected budget (following page)
- The application for a 501(3)(c) is completed and submitted at this point.
- We are currently supported by the local American Legion Post 506 who will act as a non-profit umbrella for Across The Pond donations and will jointly account for funds received and disbursed.
- A financial work group will work solely on the funding and fund-raising aspect of the project, as well as grant applications.
- Much of the work will be volunteer-based; local veterans groups especially have committed to this project.

Over-the-Pond Veterans Park - Iron River

PROJECT BEGINNING

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WORK	COMMENTS	Cost est
	Topo Survey with elevations by Bayfield County	10 acre staked with iron bench marks at major land features with elevations		
A	Master plan with survey control, finish grades, and drainage	Preliminary design for the 10 acres site and final design for Phase 1	Essential for adequate estimating and project control	TBD
B	DNR Storm water permit??			0.00
C	State Sanitary Permit			0.00
D	County Zoning and Planning			0.00
E	Signage for Project			0.00
F			Sub total	0.00

PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	WORK	COMMENTS	COST ESIMATE
1	Bush hog Phase 1 area and phase 2 walking trails	tractor / mower - and labor for debris cleanup and stockpile 8rs equipment & operator	8hrs equipment & operator and volunteer labor raking and burning	400.00
2	Soil testing by open hole excavation for roads and parking	Backhoe and minimum two 4' deep holes and observation by engineer 4hrs equipment & operator	volunteer observation of soils	320.00
3	Primary electrical service	install primary electrical service to bldg site	source and distance not known	8,000.00
4	Stake area of road, parking ,memorial and remove trees and excavate stumps	Clear timber and debris. Stock pile timber for give away and brush pile other to remove or burn	skidster equipment and 4 man labor two days	1,500.00
5	Excavate organic overburden for Phase 1 roads, parking	Contract work for paving and stockpile organic material for future	If done separate 8hrs equipment dozer and loader with operators	1800.00
6	Install 3" minimum gravel for paving	truck sand and gravel delivery and skidster placement sand fill to raise grade 3" =400cy and 3" gravel = 400cy	if native soil is sand - 2 days work equipment and operators	16,500.00
7	Asphalt 2"paving for road, parking and 3ft walkway to toilet	assume 35,000 sf of 2"asphalt paving	contract work	\$46,200
8	6" Water well and accesseries	with UG water to hydrants and comfort station		\$10,000
9	Maintenance building 8ft x 16ft for Phase 1	Heated building on concrete slab housing water tank, electrical panels, and equipment storage	with 400 amp electical panel for site, equipment, water to site(phase 1)	\$30,000
10	Seasonal Comfort station building and holding tank	8ft x 16ft wood building on concrete slab and a 300gal holding tank for waste	Building with toilet fixtures , lighting and water	\$8,000
11	Landscaping and street lighting signage	trans plant trees and shrubs and to be determand	rough estimate with volunteer labor	\$5,000
12	Memorial site to be determined	preliminary planning for sidewalks, electrical, TBD	rough estimate with volunteer labor	\$40,000
13	Lake front area to be determined	clear area for picnics and install 6ft wide dock	rough estimate with volunteer labor	\$10,000
14			TOTAL	\$177,720.00



ACROSS THE POND VETERANS PARK

Where every day will be an Honor and Celebration

“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.”

President Harry S. Truman

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

President John F. Kennedy

“We are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free”.

President Ronald Reagan



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Veterans Service Office

Kevin M. Johnson, CVSO

5/30/2017

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Re: Across The Pond Veterans Park

County Board Supervisors,

My absence this evening is due to issues outside of my control, I apologize. I am writing this letter in support of Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-37, Across The Pond Veterans Park in Iron River. The details of this resolution, found in your packets, are the result of several discussions with the Bayfield County Executive and Forestry Committees over the past year or so. The Across The Pond Board of Directors and the Forestry Committee are in complete agreement with the details of this transaction.

Re-purposing this property from County Forest Land to the proposed Veterans Park will provide a great area for this non-profit organization to honor our Veterans. I envision Veteran-related events; such as Memorial and Veterans Day programs, outdoor experiential events, etc.; being held at the park. This property will potentially provide service to the community, county, and beyond.

I humbly ask that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors look favorably upon the recommendation from the Forestry Committee in granting the request that this property be transferred to the Across The Pond Veterans Park.

Sincerely,

Kevin Johnson

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