

**MINUTES of  
Legislative Standing Committee  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Thursday, June 21, 2018  
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tim Poxson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Tim Poxson, Skipper Townes, Joe Renis, Mark Sutton

**GUESTS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Sutton gave an update on veteran's activities.

V.A. approved \$146M in funding for two (2) veteran homes in Grand Rapids and SE Michigan. Working on site plan for Grand Rapids. SE location is between old Officer's Quarters on Selfridge Air Base and the old Maxie juvenile detention facility.

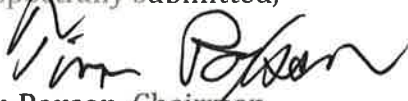
Asbestos legislation amended to provide due process for veterans.

\$2.1M grant to counties to help their service officers.

Discussed legislative strategies for this year and next.

Being no further business, Chairman Poxson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Poxson, Chairman

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 21 JUN 2018

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order by Tim Poxson, Chairman, in Kalamazoo, Michigan on June 21, 2018. The following people were present:

Members: Tim Poxson, Skipper Townes, Joe Renis, and Mark Sutton.

Guests: None.

Mark Sutton gave an update on Veterans activities.

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- working on site plan for Grand Rapids
- SE location is between old officers quarters on Selfridge Air Base and the old Maxie juvenile detention facility.

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Tim Poxson  
Chairman

0900-

Committee update:  
Mark Sutton.

Homes: VA approved \$1.6m for 2 homes  
GR + SE MI location

- working on site plan for GR
- hopefully start by end of year.

Site location:

Old officer quarters @ Sefridge / Old marriage juvenile facility

Asbestos: after AL testimony;  
due process removed

\$2.1m <sup>grants</sup> countries to help service officers.

~~Good things for veterans.~~

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