

Clitherall Township

PO Box 667

Battle Lake, MN 56515

June 22, 2019

TO: Clitherall Township Veteran's Park Donors
FR: Clitherall Township Veteran's Park Committee
RE: Park Donations

This letter is to inform you that at the Clitherall Township 2019 Annual Meeting a motion was passed to dedicate the land owned by the township at the corner of State Highway 78 and 190th Street as a Veteran's Park for the purpose of honoring the veterans that live and have lived in Clitherall Township. That motion was also passed by the Clitherall Township Board at their regular meeting on March 14, 2019.

As the oldest township in Otter Tail County, Clitherall Township strives to preserve its heritage and honor it's residents, with this project we are honoring our veterans, whether they have passed away or are still living.

Clinton Bengtson has agreed to serve as chair person of the Veteran's Park Committee and is currently working to procure funding for the project. NO township levy money will be used to build the park. It will be fully funded by donations. The total cost of the project is projected to be approximately \$10,000.00.

We are asking that you consider donating to this project. We are currently working with a landscaper to design the park and the monument. Please watch for further updates on the progress of this design.

We are also planning to recognize donors as follows:

\$100.00-\$499.00 Recognized as a Donor

\$500.00-Up Recognized as a Sponsor

_____ YES, I would like to donate to the Park. Enclosed is my donation of _____
(Check payable to Clitherall Township)

Please send donations to: Clitherall Township Veteran's Park

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February 11, 2021

To whom it may concern.

My name is Clinton Gungton. I am the zoning commissioner and township historian for Clithral Township. Clithral Township is the oldest out of the 62 townships in Attitash County. We have 3 named lakes. Clithral Lake, Crane Lake and part of West Battie Lake.

About 25 years ago the town board acquired a piece of land on which to build a town hall. The town board at that time wanted to spend \$250,000 to construct the building but the voters said "No". As time went on the new board members brought up the idea of selling the property. The voters again said "No".

The property was not maintained, weeds were growing and it had become an eyesore. At the annual meeting in March of 2019, I proposed a resolution to construct a Veterans Park honoring all veterans that have lived or are living in the township. The proposal passed unanimously. All thought it was a great idea.

As of January 1, 2023, there are
8 Civil War Veterans, 14 World War I Veterans
30 World War II Veterans (3 of which have
received Purple Hearts); 16 Korean War Veterans,
35 Vietnam Era Veterans (2 have received
Purple Hearts. Also many other Veterans
that have served in the military in
Iraq, Afghanistan and miscellaneous other
countries as well as those who remained
stateside. A total of 132 Veterans plaques.

When we started this project, it was
built with donated money because one
of the stipulations of my resolution was
to not spend the taxpayers money.

I watch the State Legislature and
I found out that the state has a legacy
fund money available for projects like
this.

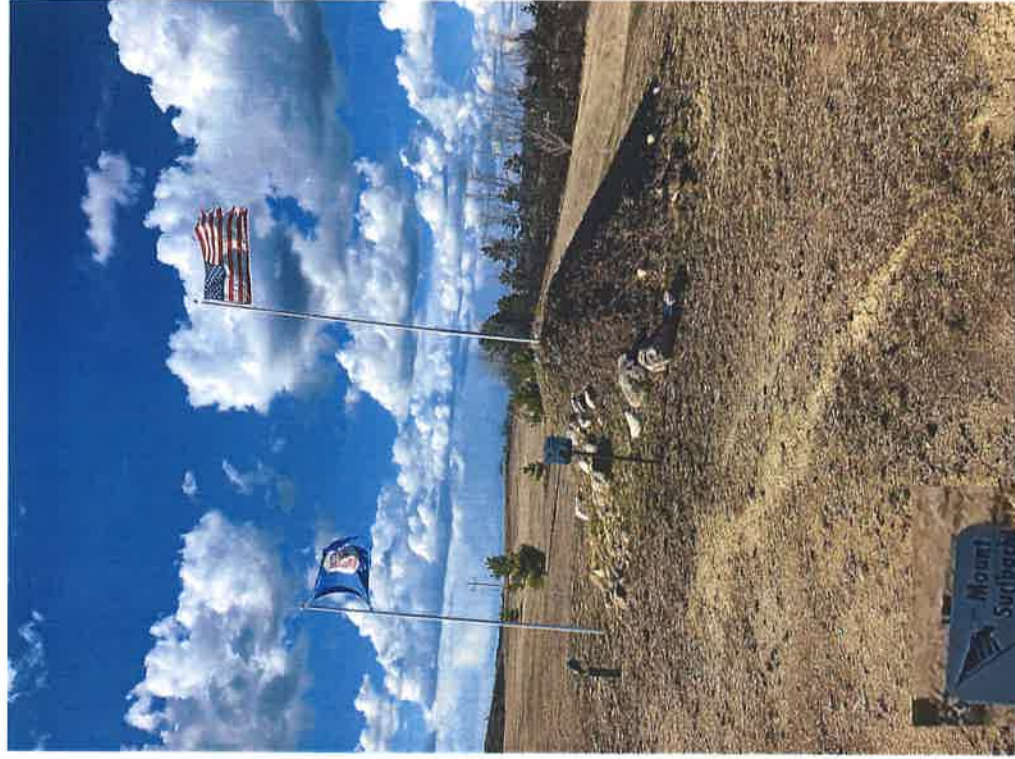
I am preparing a budget to make
this project a place where people can come
and find a piece of history that should
never be forgotten.

This park is located 2 miles
South of Battle Lake, Minnesota at the
intersection of Highway 78 and 190th Street.

Our needs at this time are as follows.

Lawn care	per year	\$ 900.00
Light for flag		1500.00
Landscaping		1500.00
Well for watering plants & trees		2500.00
Signs to put by highway		1200.00
Cement pad by large door		1200.00
Electricity monthly	\$ 45.00 per yr.	540.00

\$ 9,340.00



**Oldest Township in Otter Tail Co.
with veterans service dating back to
the civil war all the way to present**

**135 Past Veterans Residents from
Clitherrall Township**

