

World Trade Center Artifact To Be Part Of Local Sculpture



By Paula Fahle

Master sculptor Jim Havens of the Toledo Sculptor Guild will be creating a design plan for a sculpture that will have a 36-foot-long, 55-inch in diameter and 7,000 pound antenna within the piece that will sit in Williams Park as a police and fire memorial.

While the park is beautified by many sculptors who represent different ideas, the antenna is most likely to be the most revered piece in the park. For nearly a year Havens, Ed Herman Jr., Gibsonburg Police Chief Mark Whitaker, Gibsonburg Fire Chief Marty Brown and Gibsonburg Administrator Marc Glotzbecker have been sending letters, emails and making phone calls to bring a part of the World Trade Center to this town.

Working with the New York/New Jersey Port Authority, the men asked for an artifact from the World Trade Center that would be memorialized within a sculpture in the park. This week they received word that the antenna that was at the North Tower of the World Trade Center would be theirs. The group is making plans to go to New Jersey and pick up the antenna that will have its final home in Gibsonburg.

The program that makes it possible to use the artifacts from the World Trade is near closing and the Gibsonburg men feel honored that this town will be among those displaying a part of it with American pride and love of country. It is hoped that the sculpture will be complete and unveiled at a special ceremony on Sept. 11, 2016, in the park which will be the 15th anniversary of 9/11.