

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1900 hrs.

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

P- Wiley Roberts – Chairman

P- Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee

E- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

P- Bill Conner

P- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

E- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League

A- Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis – Cmdr, American Legion

P- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

E- Donna Gibbons

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

P- Tony Castillo

P- Chris Hansley

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published.

Remarks by Trustee Seaman:

All departments are in the process of putting together their budgets for the coming year.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Bill Conner, no new news. Bill McNellis asked if the Village would be willing to put up funds for this. Is it possible to add a budget item for a static display piece with a dollar amount that we would only use if we find an appropriate item?

Zion Cemetery:

Bill Conner sent the information he has to Brad B. who will get to it when he gets some time after budget season.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug Rasmussen sent an email to the principal at Andrew H.S. requesting a meeting about placement of a piece of art in the school.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Winey signed 3 citations, they now need to be presented.

Blue / Gold Star memorial:

Nothing new, we are still thinking about new landscaping.

Challenge Coins:

A motion was made and carried to give the remaining coins (175) to WWII vets that are Tinley Park residents only.

Gold Star Families Memorial:

After lengthy discussion on the topic Bill McNellis made a motion to form an exploratory committee on the Gold Star Family Memorial of Illinois. The motion did not receive a second.

Correspondence:

We received an application and a check for a paver brick for the veterans walk.

New Business:

Members were reminded to get their applications in for discover Tinley April 11<sup>th</sup>.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

We'll be in the St. Pat's Parade. Prior to the parade we'll be serving breakfast from 8am to 11am and corned beef sandwiches after 11am.

Bill proposed that calls made to the Village by veterans with problems be routed to either the American Legion or the VFW service officer.

**REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:**

Fish fries will be starting Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 7:30pm at \$13.00 pp. Karaoke every Fri. 8pm to midnight. Feb. 22nd A<sup>V</sup>MRA chili cookoff - \$10.00 pp. Wednesday is the Queen of Hearts drawing. March 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Pats Day, we will have our St. Pats Day dinner & Irish music, dancing & bagpipers.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:**

No report, no rep.

**REPORT FROM THE CHICAGO BASE U.S.SUBMARINE VETERANS:**

No report, no rep.

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

No report, no rep.

**AVMRA**

No report, no rep.

**Any other business**

Memorial Day is May 25<sup>th</sup>, we need to start thinking about a guest speaker, chaplain etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 2031 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held March 11, 2015