

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the March 8, 2017 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- Kevin Suggs – Liaison Trustee
P- Pat Carr - Liaison
P- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary
P- Colleen Simon
P- Bruce Lorence
P- Robert Baisa
A- Doug Rasmussen
P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

P- Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791
P- Bill McNellis– Cmdr. American Legion
P- Jack Morley
P- Arlene Morley
P- Ken Wrezzes
P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA
P- Chris Hansley
P- Don Tomich MCL
A-Tom Kens

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections

Remarks by Trustee Liaison

Trustee Suggs reported that he had turned the requested Air Force request paperwork over to the Village.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Nothing new to report – The Air Force is waiting for approval from the Village to accept the F-86 and we are waiting to hear from TACOM on the availability of equipment.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

The language for the plaque for the Andrew H.S. has been reviewed and approved and Doug has submitted it to the supplier.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Chris will hold 3 flags & certificates from Feb. Mar. and April for presentation to the families at our Memorial Day ceremony. We have flag requests to carry us through December.

Discover Tinley – Sat., April 8th, 2017:

We will have a table with handouts for paver bricks and memorial flags.

Memorial Day – Mon., May 29th, 2017:

The band has been scheduled and we will do the usual wreath laying, battlefield cross ceremony and presentation of memorial flags. We will also be dedicating a stone to Ed Trennert in the walkway.

Correspondence:

Sat. March 18th – 12 to 4pm – Faith United Methodist Church – 151 & 80th Ave – Orland Park
Sponsored by Veterans Voices, info on veteran's benefits & services.

New Business:

Wiley suggested that we look into putting street light banners on the poles along veteran's parkway. The banners could be sponsored by local businesses & organizations.

The commission voted to create a social media/marketing director. Tony Castillo was elected to fill the position.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

March 17th & 19th we will be serving corned beef sandwiches at the Post, \$6.00 pp. On the 19th entertainment will include an Irish band & dancers.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

On March 19th, we will be serving a corned beef dinner @ \$12.00 pp. Our Queen of Hearts was won by a young man in the amount of \$75,000.00. Our blood drive was well attended and very successful. Our fish fry started last Friday, hours are 4pm to 7:30pm price is \$10.00 from 4 to 5 and \$12.00 after 5pm. We will be placing a Battlefield Cross memorial at our Post, dedication date TBA. To help defray the costs we are holding a raffle, tickets are \$20.00 ea.

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

We had 50 members at our meeting last Saturday. April 12th to 16th we will be working on the USS Cobia in Manitowoc, WI. We will be in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

We delivered coffee etc. to Manteno this morning.

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA) / the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):

We are working on having our KWVA chapter hosting the State convention this year.

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

Fred asked if it would be possible for the Village to provide a bus to take us to the local cemeteries on Loyalty Day, May 1st so we can place flags on our veteran's graves. We will check on it.

This Friday March 10th Lincoln Cemetery will hold a direct committal ceremony.

Comments from the public:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held April 12, 2017