

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the May 11, 2016 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- Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin – Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

P- Bill Conner

E- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

E- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

P-Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis – American Legion

E- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

P- Ken Wrezzes

E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

P- Tony Castillo

P- Chris Hansley

P- Don Tomich MCL

**Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:**

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

**Remarks by Trustee Liaison**

none

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

Fred Cagle reported that all the necessary paperwork has been turned in to TACOM. He called Ft. Sheridan and found out that the 3 pieces we were looking at are still there. Now we just have to wait for approval from TACOM to acquire them.

**Zion Cemetery veteran's grave:**

We decorated the WWI veteran's grave on Loyalty Day. No word yet on getting permanent access to the area.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

Nothing has been decided yet on a memorial for Andrew H.S.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

We have flags waiting to be flown through the month of October.

**Consider a recognition for past Veteran's Commission Chairman Ed Trenner:**

Bob Baisa is still looking for a price for an oversized brick to be placed on Veterans Plaza walkway in Ed's honor. Wiley hopes to dedicate it on Veterans Day. Doug suggested that we rope off the area around the brick for the dedication.

**Memorial Day:**

Everything seems to be already set up. The tent company, band, speakers and color guards have all been contacted. Rev. James Finno from St. Stephen Parish will do the invocation & benediction.

**Correspondence:**

none

**New Business:**

None

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

The joint carnival with the VFW starts next week. School awards start this week. Post elections were held recently. June 26<sup>th</sup> we will host a Welcome Home for all veteran's.

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

We played a big part in the Vietnam moving wall in Hazel Crest. Our school awards also start this week.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:**

No Report – No Rep

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

No Report – No Rep

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

We delivered a load of snack food and clothing to the Manteno Veteran's home. Later in the year we will be holding a picnic and a day at the races at Manteno.

**Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):**

We recently lost 2 members.

**Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):**

No Report – No Rep

**AVMRA**

We are having a patch made up to honor John Bartosiewicz for his service to AVMRA

**Any other business**

Mike Gibbons announced his resignation from the Commission.  
As usual there will be no meetings in June or July.

**Comments from the public:**

none

The meeting was adjourned at 1951 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held August 10, 2016