

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the September 14, 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- Kevin Suggs – Liaison Trustee

P- Tony Castillo – Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin – Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

A- Bill Conner

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

A- 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

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

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

Remarks by Trustee Liaison

No Report.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

No new developments, waiting to hear from TACOM. Wiley suggested that we consider putting up a “Battlefield Cross” memorial near the service flags at Veteran’s Plaza.

Zion Cemetery veteran’s grave:

Still no word on getting permanent access to the area.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug passed out photos of the proposed plaque for Andrew High School. The commission voted to accept his recommendation.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We are waiting for 5 flags to be delivered and we need to order 2 more.

Recognition for past Veteran’s Commission Chairman Ed Trennert:

We now have all the information needed to order the brick for Ed. Wiley will order the brick. Hopefully it will be in place by Veteran’s Day.

Veterans Breakfast – Sat., Oct. 8, 2016 @ TPHS

The TPHS chorus is not available for the breakfast this year. It was decided to use CD player with patriotic background music. Commission members are asked to arrive by 7am.

Norman’s Cleaners was nominated to receive this years Veteran Volunteer Organization award.

Veterans Day – Fri., Nov. 11, 2016:

Commission members are asked to arrive by 9am, program will begin at 10am.

Col. David Seaman volunteerism award:

Olivia Bartosiewicz of the American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Assoc Chapter X (AVMRA) was nominated to receive the Col. David Seaman volunteerism award.

Correspondence:

We received notification from the office of Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy on the “Salute to the Armed Forces” to be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Alsip, IL on October 13, 2016.

New Business:

Tom Kens proposed the idea that local high schools honor a veteran at their football games by introducing him/her at half time. Bill McNellis will mention it to a rep from Andrew H.S.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Police Appreciation Night came off without a hitch except that only 10 people showed up. We will be holding a carnival from Sep. 30 thru Oct. 2nd at the Metra lot 179th & 80th Ave.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Yesterday we had our awards banquet presenting pins for 5 to 70 year members. We attended the direct burial at Abraham Lincoln cemetery last Thursday. We will have a memorial for deceased veterans at the American Legion Carnival. We will hold a pork chop dinner in October.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep

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

Along with cadets from the Rickover Academy We are going to memorialize the USS S44. Tinley Park is the location for the memorial for the USS44 a WWII submarine.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):

We presented a golf bag at the veteran's golf outing, Sept 9th we presented gifts to Gigi's Playhouse.

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

(See above)

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

Bruce said he spoke to the people at the Park Dist. and the announcement at next year's 4th of July celebration will mention all the military organizations participating in the flag raising.

Chris reported that Orland Park Library will be doing many WWI programs during the next 2 years.

Comments from the public:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held October 12, 2016