

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the October 12, 2016 Meeting

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

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

A- Wiley Roberts – Chairman

P- Kevin Suggs – Liaison Trustee

E- 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

P- Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

A- Bill McNellis– Cmdr. American Legion

E- Jack Morley

E- Arlene Morley

P- Ken Wrezzes

P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA

P- Chris Hansley

P- Don Tomich MCL

P-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 as corrected.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison

No Report.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

No new developments from TACOM. Fred Cagle spoke to a general at Ft. Sheridan and was told that the 3 armor pieces we were hoping to get are going to remain at Ft. Sheridan.

Zion Cemetery veteran's grave:

Still no word on getting permanent access to the area.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug spoke to the principal of Tinley Park H.S. and they decided to display our artwork donation above the fireplace in the library.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We are waiting for 4 flags to be delivered. Chris had the delivery of 1 flag expedited but the remainder are still on order. Bruce and Bill Minnich presented flags & citations to the families of deceased vets whose flag had already been flown.

Recognition for past Veteran's Commission Chairman Ed Trennert:

The price for an 8"x16"x2 ¼ black granite stone with lettering & 2 coins inserted is \$683.00. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase the memorial stone. Delivery will be 30 to 45 days.

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

We had 133 people sign up and only 50 showed up. A discussion was held on the future of the breakfast, the starting time and the location. The subject was tabled until our next meeting.

Veterans Day – Fri., Nov. 11, 2016:

Colleen has set up the band and chorus. Commission members are asked to arrive by 9am, program will begin at 10am.

Col. David Seaman volunteerism award:

John & Olivia Bartosiewicz of the American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Assoc Chapter X (AVMRA) are to receive the Col. David Seaman volunteerism award at the Veterans Day ceremony.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We will hold a pork chop dinner Sunday Oct. 16th. We recently held our Poppy Day and did well. We received the VFW 2016 National Outstanding Community Service Award

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

At our last meeting, along with cadets from the Rickover Academy, we dedicated the memorial for the USS44 a WWII submarine at the VFW.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report

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

We are going to make a donation to the 4 Tinley Park fire stations. We are hosting the KWVA state convention next year.

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

Tom Kens reported that he had spoken to Michael Dwyer Athletic Director at Andrew HS and that they were going to begin doing a Salute to Service at all home football games. At the beginning of each game and prior to the playing of the National Anthem all veterans and active duty military service personnel will be asked to stand and be recognized.

Comments from the public:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held November 9, 2016