

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

## Wednesday, February 21, 2018

7pm Kallsen Conference Center

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman Lucas Hawley; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Jim Muller. Village Liaison: Rob Zimmer. Guest: Reta Brudd. None were absent.

Previous Meeting Minutes were read.

- Corrections/Additions to Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2018
- Corrections/Additions to Meeting Minutes for Skype Session on February 3, 2018
- Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2018 - Approved. First Marilyn, 2nd Muller
- Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2018 Skype Session - Tabled to March 21st meeting for changes.

### **Sister City Updates**

#### Büdingen Sister City Update:

- 2018 Visitation from Büdingen Residents:
  - Review of Skype items - No allergies or restrictions among those coming from Büdingen.
  - Call for host families. Lucas pulled a list of Tinley Park churches and asked Reta if there was any one in particular that had a better response than others. We will focus on first contacting Lutheran churches.
- We have contacted the teachers at Andrew to see if the two younger guests can stay with a host family that has children in their age group.
- Language for announcement was mentioned. Motion to email out verbiage to create a flyer that will be emailed to commissioners for approval without having to wait until next month's meeting. Marilyn 1st, Jim 2nd.

We have approval to use Village of Tinley Park Logo, website, and social media sites. Roxane has already posted a request on the Sister City Facebook site; those interested should contact the SCC via [sistercity@tinelypark.org](mailto:sistercity@tinelypark.org).

We will provide information to the Tinley Junction & Marketing department. Once we write up the press release, Marketing can announce to the press for us.

We need to start a calendar of what is due and when; arrivals; etc.

- Culture and Arts fest in Büdingen. Residents and artists are invited to travel to Büdingen and stay with host families there (artists will pay their own way).
- 2020 Visitation - Nothing to update.

#### Mallow Sister City Update:

- County Cork officials will be here next month. March 15th event Welcome Reception. Mayor Vandenberg, Village Official's, and Pat Carr are invited, additionally an invite to all Commissioners was extended. We should bring some kind of small gift for the Mayor of Cork to welcome them the US (TP swag bag). This will not be an official meeting.

Discussions on how the government there is being (re)organized ensued.

#### **Prospective Sister City Updates**

Nowy Sącz, Poland Update - Rob has an update on Nowy Sącz. He came across a treasure trove of Poland documents. We do know that at some point there was a verbal agreement between the two cities/villages - but per the Village of Tinley Park, there is no formal agreement to codify the official status. When Laura Elster was chair, she previously stated that at one point Nowy Sącz was listed a friendship city. A Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed. Rob will draft one that will go before Committee of the Whole. A motion for Rob to draft formal agreement was made. Commissioner Tyssen 1st, Commissioner Bill 2nd. We can contact our Illinois Sister Cities rep if we have questions. The commission needs to reach out to sister cities international to confirm procedures to become official.

Remove Austin, TX from Agenda.

#### **Updates on Currently Open Business**

##### TPSC Promotional Materials:

- Swag: Magnets - Roxane will look into a few more sites for pricing and email commissioners the information. SCC has a budget of \$3500 for exchange. We may be able to put it under the cost of the exchange or \$200 under discretionary funds.

Roxane will work on a tri fold pamphlet. Information to include - Mallow, Budingen, and a request for host families (mainly German)

##### Cultural Exchange Program

- The Budingen Arts festival is on July 14. Marilyn will contact Vogt Arts Center director Julie Dekker. Any medium of art is accepted, including music.

## TPSC Branding Logo

Remove from agenda

## **Ongoing Business**

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

- The Tinley Park Village parade is March 18th. Since they will be here, we should at least invite the Irish delegates, even if they cannot attend. We will push off attending to the following year when we have our new banner. Marilyn suggested that we invite residents with County Cork lineages to march with us to represent County Cork/Mallow.

### Discover Tinley

- The form was turned in after last month's meeting. Roxane to do pamphlet and look into magnets/pins/pens for swag.
- New TPSCC Banner for Events - Vista Print will be under \$100. We will purchase this under the next fiscal year which begins in May.

## **New Business:**

Roxane was texting with Laura Elster during the meeting. She had some updates to add regarding the upcoming exchange as it relates to the students..

Lucas - Mayor Vandenberg sent Lucas an email regarding Cook County sister cities that as associated with villages, towns and cities in Germany. The German Consulate wants to highlight their sister city relationships in Cook County and approached Tinley Park to discuss our relationship with Büdingen. Lucas will work with the marketing department for a partial write up.

## **Public Comments**

- None.

Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.