

**Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, September 23, 2019**  
7:00 p.m. Kallsen Conference Center

Call to Order 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present were recognized.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Julie Dekker, Kurt Dekker, Lucas Hawley, Jim Muller and George Rohde,  
Absent: Commissioners Staff Liaison: Dominic Sanfilippo

Minutes were reviewed and read from July 24, 2019

**Sister City Updates:**

Büdingen Update:

- 2019 Visitation:
  - 30-Year Anniversary:
    - ❖ Roxane gave an update, RSVP's are coming in. We should expect around 30 or more.
  - Gift:
    - ❖ Julie and Roxane updated the Commission of what ideas were discussed. Roxane has passed these along to Steve Weinert along with instructions of this is what we would like to see (two sketches were provided to him) but that he was the artist and this would still be his vision to be presented as he thought best. There was a brief discussion on a back-up plan if needed.

Mallow Sister City Update:

- No updates to report. Lucas will send them an update on the Commission.
- Pat Rea has not had any updates on Clonakilty from his contact.

**Prospective Sister City Updates:**

- Nowy Sącz, Poland - Update:
  - Pat had no update as he has not heard back from . We hope to have heard back from them by the next meeting. Chairman Rea will reach out to his contact to see if he has heard anything back from the mayor of Nowy Sącz.

- Canadian Sister City:
  - There are no updates at this time. We will continue to press on with looking at a specific city or village to Twin or Sister City with. Roxane will speak with a Nicole Lassaline over the weekend for her thoughts.
- Jordanian Sister City:
  - We are still on hold with further discussions with them.

**Old Business:**

- Village of Tinley Park Website: Changes have been made.
- Oktoberfest:
  - We were able to display the new banner but it was on the fence behind us and not on the tent.
  - Traffic was a bit slow overall at the tent but the weather was not the best. We also shared it with other commissions as well as the Citizen Police Academy this year. Roxane and Jim covered Friday night, Saturday Pat, Julie and Kurt provided coverage, and on Sunday, George and Sarah were there. George also brought one of the puppies on Sunday which drew people over to the tent.
  - Next year we will look at getting our own tent again.

**New Business:**

- Benin Republic (West Africa) – Note from Emmanuel Hounguevou was touched upon. More research needs to be done before going any further.
- Find the Frog Concept - this idea came about during the brainstorm session for ideas of the art piece. In Büdingen, Germany they have large frogs on some of the buildings (similar to the cow, dog, and horse concept that has been done by the city of Chicago). We were thinking of having a piece done to place on the clock tower at the Oak Park Avenue train station. Then have a contest of sorts to find specific frogs hidden throughout the Village of Tinley Park. We will continue to discuss.
- September 27 ceremony and event:
  - Attire is business casual, people should arrive by 1:50 p.m., Roxane will finalize invitee list, simple coffee/tea and sweets reception to follow. Roxane volunteered to take photos of the event.

**Public Comments:**

- None.

Commissioner Hawley motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Tyssen seconded. All approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.