

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Conference Center

Call to Order 7:03 p.m.

Commissioners present were recognized.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Kurt and Julie Dekker, Lucas Hawley, Sarah Krause, Jim Muller, and George Rohde.

Staff Liaison: N/A

Guests: Rob Zimmer

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were reviewed and read from January 15, 2019.

George Rohde made a motion to approve, Julie Dekker seconded, all in favor. Motion passed, minutes from January 15, 2020 were approved.

Sister City Updates:

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Chairman Rea reviewed some details for the upcoming planned visit of dignitaries from County Cork in March. They will be in Chicago and have accepted our invitation to visit Tinley Park. Some of the details for a small reception on Friday, March 13th, at Ashford House in Tinley Park were reviewed.
- Next year will be the 20th Anniversary of our twinning/sister city agreement with Mallow.

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Cultural Night/Büdingen Kulturnacht - Update. A flyer has been created and a revised copy was presented to the Commission. The Commission reviewed the new copy with the changes. An earlier draft had been sent to the Commissioners for their feedback on design and wording.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Rob Zimmer provided the Commission of an update on the paperwork that has been done so far and what else we will need to do. Once we approve the English version, we can have it translated into Polish and then forward it to the Village Board for formal approval.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan:

- Pat Rea is still working on setting up a luncheon with Mr. Swisse. Mr. Swisse is the Counsel General for the Jordanian Embassy in Chicago. Discussions were had with regards to who is

interested and able to travel there. Our sister city there will be Aqaba, Jordan. They are very excited regarding this prospect.

Canada:

- Roxane Tyssen has reached out to Windsor and Cobourg, both in Ontario. She has also reached out to a personal contact in Ottawa to see if she had any suggestions as to other cities who may be a good match or might be interested in a relationship with Tinley Park/the United States.

Associate Commissioners:

- We have proposed having Rob Zimmer and Michele Rons as associate commissioners and are waiting for formal approval from the Village Board. Patrick Rea and Roxane Tyssen will discuss next steps which may include resubmitting resume's to Mayor Vandenberg.

Events:

- Irish Day Parade - Details of the parade were reviewed. The parade will be held on March 8th. The Commission will be participating and line-up is at noon with a 1:00 p.m. step-off. Further details will be coming out over the next week. The Oscar Meyer Weinermobile will be present at the parade and photos can be taken after the event.
 - We will be able to use our new banner when we are walking. We should also have some candy to hand out along the route.
 - A role was taken as to who on the Commission will be participating.
- Discover Tinley - There will not be a Discover Tinley this year. This decision was made due to the costs of the event and dwindling attendance. The Village will revisit this event next year to reassess whether or not it should be held again.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Roselle Sister Cities - Some members of the Roselle Sister Cities group have reached out to us to ask for guidance with regards to how to go about partnering a city/village in Germany. Roxane Tyssen updated the commission on the discussions with them.
- Updating the recognition of all of our sister cities in the bio on the Village website. Discussions on rewriting this were had.
- The next meeting is on March 18 , 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Public comments:

- No public comments.

Adjourned:

- George Rohde to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.