

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

7:00 p.m. Village Chambers

The January 20, 2021 meeting was held via conf. call.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Lucas Hawley, Sarah Krause, Jim Muller, George Rohde, and Michele Rons, Rob Zimmer
- Staff Liaison: David Niemeyer
- Absent: Associate Commissioners Julie and Kurt Dekker

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of December 16, 2020 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: George Rohde made the motion to pass the minutes as presented, Marilyn Bill seconded; All in favor. Motion to approve December 16, 2020 minutes passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Germany has gone back to restrictions which will possibly last until March. They are allowing travel over the weekend of Christmas but otherwise people are ordered to stay at home.
- Projects are currently on hold again, including the bench project.
- On December 17, 2020 some of the commissioners had a Zoom call to touch base with our friends in Büdingen. Commissioners Roxane Tyssen and Jim Muller were present as was the Village Manager Dave Niemeyer; present from Büdingen were Mayor Spammer, Sieglinde Huxorn-Engler, and Henrike Strauch. There was no quorum.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is no update on Mallow, as far as we know, they are still under strict restrictions due to COVID.
- We would like to create a resolution to the Village Board to recognize our upcoming 20th Sister Cities Anniversary with Mallow in May of 2021. A more formal recognition is still being discussed. We will need to make a decision on what to do by the end of March.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- An email was sent requesting images from Nowy Sącz for the gateway sign to add them as one of our sister cities. We are waiting for him to respond back (crest of Nowy Sącz and the flag of Poland).

Prospective Sister Cities:Jordan:

- There are COVID concerns in Jordan, Aman had a flare up of cases over the last few months. Until travel restrictions ease, we are on hold for formal declarations.

Canada:

- The newsletter with our request went out after the holidays. We have not gotten any responses yet. We again thank Dave Niemeyer for sending that off for us.

New and Upcoming Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None.

Public comments:

- None.

Adjourned:

- Roxane Tyssen motioned to adjourn, Marilyn Bill seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.