

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

7:00 p.m. Village Chambers

The June 16, 2021 meeting was held via conf. call and in-person in the Village Chamber.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. Roll was called.

## **Roll Call:**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

- Approval of June 16, 2021 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: George Rhode made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Michelle Rons seconded; All in favor. Motion to approve May 19, 2021 minutes passed.

## **Sister City Updates:**

### Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Western Germany is experiencing extreme flooding; there are no reports of any issues in Büdingen.
- COVID is still a concern, but masks are not currently mandatory.

### Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Nothing to report.

### Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- A new date was chosen to install the sign naming Nowy Sącz as our Sister City was announced. We will meet on August 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of 183<sup>rd</sup> and Oak Park Avenue. A pot luck luncheon will follow at Village Hall in the Kallsen Center.

## **Prospective Sister Cities:**

### Jordan, Aqaba:

- There have been two COVID outbreaks that the Commission is aware of.
- We are waiting for next steps; Mr. Ihsan Sweiss, Counsel General of The Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, will be invited to a future meeting.

#### Palestine, Bir Ziet:

- This is a wait and see to begin formal discussions but the Commission is still interested in developing this relationship.
- Residents and students in Birziet are coping with the conflict situation as best as can be expected.

#### Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- The zoom call in June went well. While the main focus continues to be on governmental operations and tourism, they are welcoming any commissioners who would like to join.
  - All commissioners are invited to participate on future calls as they are open to developing a Sister Cities relationship at some point.
  - These calls are scheduled during the week in the morning (CST), but as they are via Zoom, commissioners can join from anywhere.

#### Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Pat Rea had nothing to report at this time. There is still an interest in partnering with a municipality in Canada, but no specific city is being considered.

#### **New and Upcoming Business:**

- As mentioned above, the Nowy Sącz sign will be installed on August 14.

#### **Old Business:**

- None.

#### **Public comments:**

- No public was present.

#### **Adjourned:**

- George Rhode motioned to adjourn, Jim Muller seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.