

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

## Minutes

### November 16, 2022

The November 16, 2022, meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:07 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

- Recognize Commission members present: Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Vice Chair/Commissioner Lucas Hawley, Sarah Krause, Jim Muller, David Niemeyer, George Rhode, Michele Rons, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Absent: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Trustee Liaison: William Brady
- Associate Commissioner(s): None

#### **Special Guests:**

- Honorary Consul General of the Jordanian Embassy in Chicago, Mr. Ihssan Sweiss and his assistant Wafa Hanania

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Introduction of Special Guests**

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The September 21, 2022, minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner George Rhode made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim Muller seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. August minutes were passed. There was no quorum in October.

#### **Sister City Updates:**

##### Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Recap of Zoom call presented.
  - Their Medieval Fest is being held in July of 2023. We are invited to attend. Their mayor will be sending Mayor Glotz a formal invitation.
  - The celebration for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Greater Büdingen area went well.
- The student exchange was discussed. It was held at the Senior Community Center which is located in the Public Safety Building. About 45 people attended between students, parents, and Village Staff. Heavy appetizers were provided. Village Manager Pat Carr welcomed the group and Assistant Village Manager Hannah Lipman was also in attendance.
  - The students and parents were provided with an opportunity to tour the 911 Call Center and Fire Station which they all enjoyed; one of the groups was able to see the First Responders in action as they received a 911 emergency call while they were walking through the facility.

##### Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is no update from Mallow.

#### Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Roxane Tyssen will reach out to our contacts in Poland for updates to the situation there is going on there.

#### **Prospective Sister Cities:**

##### Jordan, Aqaba:

- Roxane Tyssen sent an email to the contact we had, and we are still waiting for a response; a second email was sent today in case it was accidentally overlooked due his busy schedule.
- Consul Sweiss has just returned from Jordan. He reached out to our previous contact, Peter Marji,
  - Leadership in Aqaba is anxious to start the formal relationship. Peter will be contacting Roxane to re-establish communications.

##### Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- Dave Niemeyer updated the commission on the Village's relationship with Ghadamis, Libya. There may be a possibility for the Commission to tie in travel to Ghadamis when we go to Aqaba. The invitation was officially extended to the Sister Cities Commission

##### Additional Potential Sister Cities

- No new additional potential sister cities were mentioned.

#### **Old Business:**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Village of Tinley Park Holiday Market is coming up and will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup> this year.
- The Village's Marketing Department is doing the Elf in the Window contest again this year. The Senior Community Center is participating this year. Elves will be in windows from December 18<sup>th</sup> through January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- There will not be a December Sister Cities meeting.

#### **Public comments/Announcements:**

- No additional public comments were given.

#### **Adjourned:**

George Rhode made a motion to adjourn, Mike Roache seconded, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2023.