

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The April 20, 2022 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:01 p.m. Vice Chairman Lucas Hawley led the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea (via phone); Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Jim Muller, David Niemeyer, Michele Rons, George Rohde, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Absent: Commissioner: Sarah Krause; Associate Commissioners: Andrae Marak, Julie & Kurt Dekker; Trustee Liaison: William Brady

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of the March 16, 2022 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: Dave Niemeyer made the motion to approve the minutes, Jim Muller seconded; All in favor.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- The Zoom call was held on March 19. There was no quorum but the meeting continued.
 - In September there will be a 50th anniversary celebration that recognizes when the villages around Büdingen came together to formally found what is now officially the city of Büdingen (greater Büdingen area)
 - We have been asked to submit something that signifies the relationship between Tinley Park (all of their twinning cities are being asked this) and Büdingen
 - There is an open invitation for anyone who wants to attend (commissioners, residents, etc.) during this event
- We will start scheduling zoom meetings with them every few months on a Saturday morning; people can join remotely from their homes for these.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There will be an election sometime in June and a new Mayor of County Cork will be elected.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Commissioner Patrick Rea spoke with Jan Pilewski, our contact that we have in Poland and who lives near Nowy Sącz, and will invite him to visit Tinley Park.

Prospective Sister Cities:Jordan, Aqaba:

- Nothing to report.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- There has been no monthly call due to Ramadan.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Queretaro, Mexico
 - Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- George Rohde updated the commission on the status of the education initiative that we have been discussing over the last few months.

New and Upcoming Business:

- Look into contacting the Consulates of Poland, Germany, and Ireland to create stronger relationships with our sister cities.

Public comments/Announcements:

- No public comment.

Adjourned:

- George Rohde made a motion to adjourn, Roxane Tyssen seconded. The meeting was adjourned 7:24 p.m.