

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes April 19, 2022

7:00 p.m. Village Chamber

The April 19, 2022 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Lucas Hawley who led the meeting, Chairman Patrick Rea was present by telephone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman Patrick Rea (via telephone); Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Vice Chair Lucas Hawley, Jim Muller, David Niemeyer, Michele Rons, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Absent: Commissioners: Sarah Krause and George Rohde; Trustee Liaison: William Brady

Approval of Minutes:

- March 2023 minutes were presented for approval. Jim Muller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Michele Rons seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Commissioner Roxane Tyssen has been in touch with Edda in Büdingen, she informed the commission on some of the crazy weather conditions they have been experiencing there.
- Commissioner Lucas Hawley had several friends reach out concerning some of the security issues that have been plaguing the city of Chicago as well as if there are any issues in Tinley Park (there have been none locally).
- Commissioner Lucas Hawley is planning to visit Büdingen at the end of July.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- We should plan on having a small contingent from County Cork visiting Tinley Park when they are in town next year.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- There are no updates.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Travel dates have been pushed to September. Commissioner Tyssen will be reaching out to Peter in Aqaba to work on setting dates.
- The Mayor has been kept apprised of the status of travel dates and the progress we are making.
- The gift is in process and will be presented when we arrive there.
- The Commission voted on and approved for a small stipend for Bruce Lorenc for his work on getting a train display for us to present.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- Nothing to report.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Upcoming Business:

- As we continue to establish relationships with new sister cities, we should be thinking about eventually adding more commissioners to the Commission.

Public comments/Announcements:

- Commissioner Lucas Hawley was accepted to be a Chicago Greeter. In this voluntary role, he will be meeting with tourists and showing them around Chicago or giving providing them with information of places that they should visit.
- Chairman Patrick Rea will be giving a speech at the gathering for the newly elected officials in Tinley Park.

Adjourned:

- Michele Rons made a motion to adjourn, Jim Muller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.