

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

## Minutes July 19, 2023

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The July 19, 2023, meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Lucas Hawley who led the meeting, Chairman Patrick Rea was present via 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, Sarah Krause, George Rohde, Michele Rons, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Trustee Liaison: William Brady

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- May 2023 minutes were presented for approval. Let it be noted that there was no quorum in June 2023, so there were no minutes to present. Vice Chair Lucas Hawley made the motion to approve the May 2023 minutes, Mike Roche moved, Jim Muller seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. May 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

### **Sister City Updates:**

#### Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Commissioner Hawley updated the Commission mentioned that the sister of one of our friends was named the "Frog Princess" for the Mittelalterfest 2023 (Medieval Festival). The fest is held every other year.
- Marcus Gerlach from the greater Büdingen area reached out to Lucas and let him know he is planning on visiting Tinley Park at some point this year. Lucas asked him to keep us apprised of plans as they manifest.
- Commissioner Mike Roche will be in Germany for Oktoberfest celebrations and would like to visit Büdingen while he and his family are there.

#### Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is nothing to report at this time.
- Roxane Tyssen will forward Mallow and County Cork information to George Rohde as he will be the point of contact regarding a visit in 2024.

#### Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing to report on Nowy Sącz.

- Roxane Tyssen was contacted by Tinley Park resident Ginalle Enrietti on behalf of her father, also a Tinley Park resident, John Enrietti about the passing of his friend Kryz Grzyb's. Kryz was from Nowy Sącz and was the hang gliding champion of Poland in 1986. The email and obituary was discussed.

**Prospective Sister Cities:**

Jordan, Aqaba:

- The Commission discussed the visit in September 2023.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- The next call is scheduled for the following week.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**New and Upcoming Business:**

- Chairman Rea discussed a visit to Tinley Park by a ranking Finnish military leader.

**Public comments/Announcements:**

- Nothing to report.

**Adjourned:**

- Patrick Rea made a motion to adjourn, Mike Roche seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.