

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes August 16, 2023

7:00 p.m. Village Chamber

The August 16, 2023 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order by vice chair Lucas Hawley at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes:

- July 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 Hawley has been keeping in touch with our friends in Büdingen.
- Commissioner Tyssen did make email introductions on behalf of Mike Roche for his upcoming visit.
- Prince Hans George is planning a visit at the end of October with his wife. We will plan to host a small event as a meet and greet on their behalf to recognize the importance his family has played in our sister cities history.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Commissioner Tyssen has made email introductions to Commissioner Rhode and Cook County and County Cork representatives. Included was our intent to host some of the delegation and some preliminary discussions on transportation.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing to report.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- It has been decided to postpone our visit to Aqaba. The commission is still interested in going and sees the benefit of having a Jordanian sister city.
- A Zoom call will be scheduled with Hannah Lipman, Assistant Village Manager, Chairman Rea and Commissioners Roxane Tyssen and Dave Niemeyer.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- Nothing to report.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- The Chamber of Commerce Oktoberfest was mentioned. The Commission has decided not to participate this year.

New and Upcoming Business:

- Ways to engage residents in sister cities relationship were discussed.

Public comments/Announcements:

- No public attended the meeting and there were no announcements.

Adjourned:

- Roxane Tyssen made a motion to adjourn, Lucas Hawley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.