

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes September 20, 2023

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The September 20, 2023, 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 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, Michele Rons, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Absent: Commissioners: Sarah Krause and George Rohde; Trustee Liaison: William Brady

Approval of Minutes:

- August 16, 2023 minutes were presented and read. Dave Niemeyer made the motion to approve, Pat Rea seconded. All in favor, minutes were approved.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Commissioner Hawley stated that Jannik received his birthday present and was appreciative that we all signed his card.
- A formal letter was sent from Büdingen to Village Hall inviting the Mayor and Trustees inviting them to the Christmas Market December 8-10, 2023. A response was requested by October 30 for anyone who will be going.
- Commissioner Mike Roche will be going to Germany with his family and are making a visit to Büdingen during their stay there.
- We will be sending some Tinley Park swag with him to give to those he meets with while there.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- George was given the contact information for Mallow, but we have not received a report from him.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing to report on Nowy Sącz.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Pat Rea has spoken with the Consul General about looking at travel dates for next spring.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- The Ghadamis call was rescheduled for September 28.
- There were not affected by the flooding in Libya, but many of the major cities have no lines of communication.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- None of the commissioners have made any outreaches to any Canadian cities.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Upcoming Business:

- Chairman Rea announced that HSH Prince Hans Georg will be making a visit to Tinley Park sometime in late October.

Public comments/Announcements:

- Nothing to report.

Adjourned:

- Roxane Tyssen made a motion to adjourn, Lucas Hawley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.