

Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:06 p.m. After the pledge, a moment of silence was given for the people of the Ukraine.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

P - Doug Rasmussen - Chairman	P - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary	A- Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
P - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets	E - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander
A - Chris Hansley - VFW Aux. Pres.	P - Jim Hudik
P - Denise Houdek	P - John Houdek
P - Jimmy Hunter	A - John Maher (Assoc.)
P - William McNellis, Commander Amer. Legion	P - Norm Pestlin
P - Georges Sanon	A - Karen Tobola
P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant	P - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)

Guest: Bruce Hafner, Tinley Park Historical Society

Chairman's Comments:

Nothing to announce as COVID restrictions have been lifted.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes were distributed before the meeting for commissioner review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Georges motioned, Bob seconded. The minutes were approved.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

Trustee Sullivan made the following announcements:

- The agenda items for the next board meeting were announced.
- The budget for 22/23 has been approved.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- There are two different applications, both of which need to have approval by the municipality board. The application will go on the agenda for a future meeting.
- Norm may have a connection that can help assist at Fort Sheridan.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Nothing current to report. Dee will meet with Doug to review the process again on how and who to approach for display of the artwork.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

- Nothing to report.

Brick/Banner Program*:

- The Village is still taking orders.

- How the bricks are displayed were reviewed and discussed (layout).

Correspondence:

- No new correspondence has been received.

Ongoing Business:

- Memorial Day Events:
 - Event times were reviewed.
 - Roxane will be presenting on the Purple Heart and has been in touch with Mr. Hammons. We are working on a plan to get him to Tinley Park for the event. A recap of the conversation with Mr. Hammons was relayed to the Commission.

New Business:

- Georges has reached out to the Odyssey regarding Veteran's Day. There were questions asked about what is expected if we use that facility, Georges will talk again with them once all the additional information is compiled.

REPORTS:

Report from the VFW

- The Fish Fry is going on but it is carry-out only.
- An update was provided on the Patriots Pen winner.
- The VFW will be doing a blood drive in April and will provide the Secretary with information to give to Marketing to help promote the event.

American Legion:

- Bill gave a recap of the parade. The Legion presented a Ukraine flag to show its support for the military and people of their country.
- The Legion is having a raffle to win ½ of a butchered hog. Tickets are \$10/each and there will be two winners.
- **SAL** –
 - On April 15 there will be a blood drive. Information will be provided to Marketing so that they can assist in promoting the event.
 - The Gold Star/Blue Star Memorial has been fixed; flags were also replaced.

Prairie State College:

- There will be a Veteran's Job Resource Fair on April 13th.

Announcements:

- Trustee Sullivan stated that she will ask Public Works to check on Veteran's Parkway more often and report anything that needs to be fixed.

Public Comment:

- There were no comments from the public.

Jimmy Hunter made a motion to adjourn, Bob Bullard seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

*The military Banner Program can be found here: https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php