

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the May 9, 2018 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1900 hrs.

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

P- Wiley Roberts – Chairman

A- Michael Mangin - Board Liaison

A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison

A- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Bill Porter –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

P- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

P- Ken Wrezzes

A- Jim Wilkins-US Submarine Vets

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA

P- Chris Hansley

E- Jim Taylor - MCL

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Remarks by Liaison

No Report

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Norm reported that we have the paperwork from TACOM to transfer the 155mm Howitzer from Willow Springs to Tinley Park. Joe Werner from the Veterans Garage says that they're ready to start the work when we are. Costs to rent a crane and flatbed trailer, drop off the gun for sandblasting and then getting it to Joe's shop could run about \$16,000.00. All work at the shop will be by volunteers. Joe suggested that we run a fundraiser and/or solicit donations from local businesses to cover additional expenses.

We have a promise of the concrete for a pad but need someone to grade the area, build the form and our and finish the concrete.

Wiley suggested we put the A7 on hold for now.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug has been busy with Memorial Day arrangements and has not had time to do anything with the presentation pictures. He also was wondering what happened to the bronze plaque we donated to Andrew HS. He has been to the school and has not seen it at the location they were going to place it.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Right now, we don't have any flags flying. Due to some confusion in Washington we have not received any flags in a while.

Memorial Day - 5/28/2018

Everything is coming together; the tent and chairs have been ordered along with flags to pass out. Andrew HS band scheduled to perform.

We have SSG Joanne Tammarro as our guest speaker. Dr. Ford cancelled due to family obligations and will be replaced by Deacon Tim Keating to do the invocation and benediction.

Correspondence:

Jim Wilkins, US Submarine Vets, submitted his resignation from the Commission.

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

We will participate in a ceremony honoring deceased members at the carnival on 80th Ave. We will also be presenting school awards and the Kevin Clarke scholarship in the next few weeks.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We were informed by our State organization that our monthly newsletter had taken 2nd place and would be moving on to national competition. June 16th we will be running the Twist the Night Away dinner dance. June 26th Juke Box Saturday Night and July 15 is the block party.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

Chris reported that she was elected conductress for the district. We will have a "Christmas in July" craft fair on Sunday July 29th from noon to 3pm. The annual golf outing will be held Aug. 25th.

REPORT FROM THE CHICAGO BASE U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS:

We will be at Sub Fest in Manitowoc, WI on July 15, 16 & 17.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

No Report

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA) / the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):

MOPH will be doing their Viola Days this Saturday at the Jewel at 171st & Harlem.

KWVA will be doing Daisy Days in June 2nd & 3rd. Due to the decrease in membership the KWVA voted not to hold any more State conventions.

AVMRA

No Report

Any other business

none

Comments from the public:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held August 8, 2018