

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the September 12, 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- Board Liaison

A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison

E- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

E- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Bill Porter –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

A- Ken Wrezzes

P- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

P- Eva Reyes AVMRA, VFW Aux.

P- Chris Hansley

P- 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

Trustee Bill Brady attended the meeting as a private citizen. He mentioned that there was no American flag at the convention center and all agreed that there should be. Wiley said he would draft a resolution asking the Village to have a flag pole installed at the entrance to the Convention Center.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Wiley has been working with public works and Ozinga on getting concrete pads poured for 1 or 2 APC's (armored personnel carriers) that are available.

Jim Hudik mentioned that the Chicago Ridge VFW is closing and they have an artillery piece that may be available. Wiley will also contact the Air Force about the A7 from the American Legion in Cullom, IL.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug is trying to get a photograph of the USAF Band of Mid-America from Scott AFB to present to a local school band.

Still nothing on the installation of the plaque we presented to Andrew H.S. Doug will try to set up a meeting with the new athletic director to determine placement.

Doug is also working on getting a creative arts display from Hines VA Hospital set up at Vogt Visual Arts Center.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Working on clearing the backlog.

Veterans Breakfast – October 13, 2018

Sign-up sheets have been distributed to the American Legion, VFW and the Village hall.

Joe Werner from the Veteran's Garage was selected as the veteran volunteer organization this year. The award will be presented at the breakfast.

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2018

Central Middle School band will perform.

We are looking for a guest speaker and a recipient for the Col. Dave Seaman volunteerism award.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Wiley met with Sean Robey from the Park Dist. reference getting the gazebo at Vogt Visual Art Center named in honor of Colleen Simon

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

The moving Vietnam wall will be in Oak Forest Oct. 4th to 7th. They are looking for help at the wall.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

On the 22nd we are going to the Manteno vet hospital to hold a bingo for the vets. On Oct 6th the submariners will be dedicating a memorial plaque.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

We will be having another craft show on Sun. Oct. 14th, 11am to 4pm.at the VFW. The golf outing date has changed to Sep.22nd.

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

Robert Bullard from US Sub Vets introduced himself as the newest commission member

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

On Oct. 14 we'll be doing "a day at the races" at Manteno.

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

KWVA will have their Christmas luncheon on Dec. 6th at the VFW. They also donated \$500.00 to an organization that trains dogs for vets.

AVMRA

This Sunday AVMRA will hold a pancake breakfast.

Any other business

none

Comments from the public:

Bill Brady mentioned that he takes his Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts to Manteno to play Bingo with the vets.

The meeting was adjourned at 2028 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held October 10, 2018