

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the Jan. 8, 2020 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

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

A- Chris Hansley -VFWAux.

P- Georges Sanon

E- Jimmy Hunter

E- Karen Tobola

E- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Jim Taylor –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

A- Ken Wrezzes

A- Eva Reyes AVMRA

E- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

P-Don Tomich - 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:

Still on hold. Now the TACOM lawyer wants a letter from the Park District's lawyer stating that they approve placement of the Mortar Carrier.

M84 fundraiser

We discussed holding a fundraiser to cover the cost of painting the M84. An estimate on painting the M84 is \$16,500.00.

McAllister/Novak honorary street naming

Wiley spoke with public works about having the signs in place by Memorial Day. 175th St is to be given the honorary name of "McAllister St." and 94th ct. given the honorary name of "Novak ct".

Vietnam KIA memorial sign

The placement of the memorial sign created by Roger Kolling in memory of Robert McAllister and Edward Novak is being negotiated with the Village.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug is working on a some kind of box for presenting fired shell casings to our guest speakers at our events.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Nothing new to report.

Wiley requested that the members bring ideas to the next meeting as to what we should be doing for the next 5 years.

Veteran banner program

Wiley spoke to the marketing dept. and found out that we can have our own banners made instead of going to an outside vendor. We suggest that the program be open to Tinley Park residents and non-residents that are members of a Tinley Park veterans' organization.

Correspondence:

None.

New Business:

Wiley is checking on getting new shirts for the commission members.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Christmas Day we hosted a party for Great Lakes Recruits and Manteno Vets. March 8th we will have corned beef sandwiches at the Post.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We participated in the Parade of Lights. Queen of Hearts drawing every Wednesday & Karaoke on Fridays.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

Nothing scheduled till March.

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

No Report

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

No Report

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

KWVA – No Report

MOPH – No Report

AVMRA

No Report

Any other business

George reported on an upcoming veterans town hall to be held at Prairie State College on February 18th.

Comments from the public:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2012 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held February 12, 2020