

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the Feb. 12, 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

E- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

A- Chris Hansley -VFWAux.

P- Georges Sanon

P- Jimmy Hunter

A- Karen Tobola

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Jim Taylor –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

P- Ken Wrezzes

A- Eva Reyes AVMRA

P- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

E-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:

The paperwork to get the M84 transferred to us from TACOM has been completed. As soon as we receive approval from TACOM we can pick it up and deliver it to the painter for sand blasting and painting. There is also a Sherman Tank and a howitzer at Ft. Sheridan which we are going to try to get. The A7 Corsair that's available in Cullom, IL will have to wait until we can afford it.

M84 fundraiser

We have a list of Chamber of Commerce members that we plan on soliciting for donations to cover the costs of getting the M84 in shape for display. A separate account has been set up with Finance Department to receive the funds.

McAllister/Novak honorary street naming

Wiley spoke with public works about the street signs and they will be in place by Memorial Day.

Vietnam KIA memorial sign

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

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug brought in an example of the memorial gift we propose to be given to our guest speakers. The commission approved funding for the purchase of necessary materials. March 4th Central Middle School will hold a ceremony to dedicate the artwork we presented to them.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Wiley asked the if anyone on the Commission could/would give Chris a hand with this program. George said he would reach out to Chris to see what's involved.

Veteran banner program

Wiley passed out applications for the Veteran's Banner program. Applications must be turned in by April 1st. The program is 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:

We have the Irish Parade and corned beef sandwiches on March 8th. The Legion Riders are doing a "Let's make a deal" on April 11th. The shrimp boil will be on March 21st.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We have completely remodeled our banquet hall. We are working on St. Patrick's Day; we will have sandwiches among other things that are still being worked on. Fish fry's will begin on the 28th and go all thru Lent.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

No Report

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

We're going to be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

Will be hosting a 5k run/walk.

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

Prairie State College will have a Holocaust exhibit from Mar. 16th to Apr. 24th. They will also hold a Veterans Resource Fair on March 4th and a Veteran's Town Hall next Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm.

Comments from the public:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held March 11, 2020