

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the March 11, 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

E- Chris Hansley -VFWAux.

P- Georges Sanon

P- Jimmy Hunter

P- 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

A-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:

We are going to Capron, IL on March 28th to pick up the M84 Mortar Carrier and transport it to Crown Painting in Frankfort.

We are still considering trying to get the Sherman Tank and a howitzer at Ft. Sheridan and the A7 Corsair from Cullom, IL.

M84 fundraiser

Donation requests will be sent to Chamber of Commerce members with a picture of an M84, contact information and a return envelope. When donations are received, we will keep a record of who they came from and turn the money over to the Finance Department.

McAllister/Novak honorary street naming

We will dedicate the honorary street names at our Memorial Day ceremony along with the McAllister & Novak memorial sign which will be displayed at the 80th Ave Metra Station.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

March 4th several of our members attended a Central Middle School ceremony to dedicate the artwork we presented to them. The print we presented to them is a collage of the Air Force Band of Middle America.

Doug brought in a sample of the memorial gift we will be giving to our guest speakers.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

George spoke to Chris about flag delivery. It was decided that the flags that were ready to be presented to the families would be brought to our meetings and given to the Legion, VFW, MCL for distribution.

Veteran banner program

We are still accepting 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:

A line item will be included in our next budget for shirts, color to be determined.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

This Sunday we will hold a "Show me the Money" game. March 21st the SAL will hold a shrimp boil. April 11th the Riders are doing a Let's Make a Deal game and dinner.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

This past weekend we had the St. Patrick's Day parade and Irish music and dancers at the Post. This coming Saturday we are having a blood drive from 9am to 1pm. Our Friday fish fries have started and run from 4pm to 7pm every Friday until Good Friday.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

No Rep - No Report

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

We ad a good time at the Parade.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

March 29th Card & Bunco party, April 5th 5k run/walk.

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

KWVA – Gearing up for Daisy Days in June & July

MOPH – No Report

AVMRA

No Report

Any other business

Prairie State College will be holding a program called "Unmask her" for women with battle wounds. It will run next Wednesday if we're still open.

Comments from the public:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2021 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held Aug. 12, 2020