

Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

P- Doug Rasmussen - Chairman	A- Board Liaison (None)
P- Roxane Tyssen - Secretary	A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison
A- Robert Baisa	P- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets
E- Chris Hansley - VFW Aux. Pres.	P- Jim Hudik
P- Jimmy Hunter	P- Norm Pestlin
E- Eva Reyes - AVMRA	P- Georges Sanon
P- Jim Taylor - Amer.Legion Cmdr.	A- Karen Tobola
P- Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant	E- Ken Wrezzes – VFW Cmdr

Chairman's Comments:

Announcements regarding COVID meeting requirements, phone silencing, and other minor items were recited.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes were distributed before the meeting for commissioner review. There were no changes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Taylor, Bob Bullard seconded. The minutes were approved.

Remarks by Liaison:

No Report.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

See New Business.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

- In November 2021 the Commission plans to dedicate a piece to Tinley Park High School.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

- Nothing to report.

Banner Program*:

- The program is up and running. Applications are available online.
- The Brick (Paver) Program is also open and accepting applications.
- The Flag Program (limited to Tinley Park residents only), is open and accepting applications.

Correspondence:

- The Commission received an application for a flag.

New Business:

- M84 / Howe Granite Memorial Move:
 - The granite has been moved. There will be a dedication in the spring of 2021 for the M84 and the Howe Memorial granite. The date the Commission is looking at is May 15, 2021 which is Armed Forces Day.
 - Discussions have been made with Ted's Greenhouse to have some plants and trees planted around the displays. Anything planted will be limited maintenance.
 - Special thanks to Mike Bechstein, of Bechstein Construction Corporation, and his team for donating their time, knowledge, experience and equipment for this project. The Commission also wishes to thank Steve Grossi, Village of Tinley Park Department of Public Works, and his team for helping to coordinate the move.
 - This discussion item will be moved to the Static Display topic.

REPORTS:

Report from the American Legion:

- Nothing to report.
- The Son's of the American Legion will be placing wreaths at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Report from the VFW:

- The food drive that benefitted the Manteno Veteran's Home and the local food pantries in Tinley Park was very successful.
- The Post is not planning on reopening until after the first of the year.

Report from the Marine Corps League:

- Nothing to report.

Report from the Chicago Base U.S. Submarine Veterans:

- Nothing to report.

Report from the VFW Auxiliary:

- Nothing to report.

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

- KWVA – Nothing to report.
- MOPH – Nothing to report.

Report from AVMRA:

- Nothing to report.

Any other business:

- Nothing to report.

Comments from the public:

None.

Jimmy Hunter Made a motion to adjourn, Don Tomich seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next Veteran's Commission meeting will be held January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

*The military Banner Program can be found here: https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php