

## **Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Meeting**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:06 p.m.

**P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent**

P- Doug Rasmussen - Chairman	A- Board Liaison (None)
E- Roxane Tyssen - Secretary	A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison
A- Robert Baisa	P- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets
P- Chris Hansley - VFW Aux. Pres.	A- Jim Hudik
E- Jimmy Hunter	P- Norm Pestlin
A- Eva Reyes - AVMRA	P- Georges Sanon
P-Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant	A- 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 Present Commissioner , Don Tomich seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Remarks by Liaison:**

No Report.

### **Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

- Doug has reached out to Saunoris for the landscaping work. We need to send out an official letter to them though. We have not heard back from Ted's Greenhouse.
- We have heard back from the garage, the mounting for the plaque is done. The plaque itself should be done in time for the event.
- Howe Memorial Dedication - working on the event to be done both limited in-person and virtual options.
- Senator Hastings is hoping to attend and will confirm in the next week.
- Security clearance issues were discussed.
- Additional issues such as a tent, chairs, a band, and alternative dates were brought up and reviewed.

### **Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Memorial Flag and Citation:**

- Chris updated the Commission on her recent communications to find out when the program will be up and running again. There is not a date set for this.

### **Brick/Banner Program\*:**

- The Commission would like to have an announcement put in the e-blast and community newsletters.

### **Correspondence:**

- Doug announced that Rush has a program to help with the transitions from military to civilian life, PTSD, stress, etc. Georges announced that this is a good program if veterans are not qualified for VA benefits.

### **New Business:**

- Veterans Commission page on Village's site.
  - We should have links to the various forms and programs we have going so you can either be redirected or download the forms.
  - Bricks- requirements for program were discussed; Doug asked for feedback from the Commissioners about the program. Chris mentioned that DD2014's are required for all.
  - The website needs to be updated to reflect current requirements for the banners.
  - Don Tomich made a motion to not require the DD214's for either the brick or banner program, Bob Bullard seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- Memorial Day - will be similar to last years' event.

### **REPORTS:**

#### Report from the American Legion:

- Jim Taylor announced his resignation and move.
- The Son's of the American Legion have nothing to report.

#### Report from the VFW:

- The fish fry on Friday's have started.
- Queen of Hearts is on Wednesdays.
- Karaoke is now going on Friday nights.

#### Report from the Marine Corps League:

- No meetings but they hope to be able to get going again and meeting soon.

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

- They had a meeting this past Saturday.

#### Report from the VFW Auxiliary:

- The Card and Bunco Party, Sunday April 18
- Hoping to schedule a 5K run.
- Golf outing in August.

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

- KWVA – Hoping to have a March meeting.
- MOPH – Nothing to report.

#### Report from AVMRA:

- Nothing to report.

### **Any other business:**

- The blood drive kicked off and turned out well.

- Veteran's Business Organization on March 12.
- KPR training with the Sertoma Center in March.

**Comments from the public:**

- None.

Present Commissioner made a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next Veteran's Commission meeting will be held March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

\*The military Banner Program can be found here: [https://www.tinleypark.org/news\\_detail\\_T5\\_R241.php](https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php)