

Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the April 14, 2020 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:02 p.m.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

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

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 as corrected was made by Jimmy Hunter, Chris Hansley seconded. The minutes were approved.

Remarks by Liaison:

No Report.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- Special Event: Rededication of the Howe Memorial;
 - Saturday, May 15, 2021 - Armed Forces Days;
 - Music starts at 10:00 a.m., the program begins at 10:30 a.m.;
 - Located on the corner of Timber Drive & Veterans Parkway;
 - The memorial is in place, six donated evergreens will be planted around it; each representing a branch of the service;
- The Commission wants to present Jim Saunoris, Mike Bechstein, and John Banser with certificates of appreciation at the event for their donated time, labor, and product(s) to help make this event possible;
- Guest speakers have been lined up;
- Additional details for the event were discussed.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

- Nothing to report.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

- Nothing to report.

Brick/Banner Program*:

- Teresa Nolan the Principal at Tinley Park High School reached out and asked if they can do a banner;
 - Ken Wrezzes mentioned that the high school had an essay winner for a scholarship from the VFW;
- The Commission has asked the Village to leave the banners up year-round;
- The Village now includes businesses, organizations, and churches in the banner program as long as their request recognizes veterans and the request is approved the Commission.

Correspondence:

- An application for a banner request was received.

New Business:

- Upcoming events will be added to the agenda(s);
 - Loyalty Day was discussed;
- Memorial Day:
 - The Commission has scheduled the Color Guard, rifles and Battlefield Cross for the event;
 - Bishop Ronnie White is scheduled to be the guest speaker, his bio was reviewed with the Commission;
 - Additional details were discussed.

REPORTS:

Report from the American Legion:

- Nominations are being taken for elected positions;
- Queen of Hearts is resuming;
- School awards with the VFW are coming up.

Report from the VFW:

- Jim Hudik is running the blood drive for the 22nd;
- The fish fry on Friday's are continuing;
- Queen of Hearts is on Wednesdays;
- Karaoke is on Friday nights;
- A Cinco de Mayo dinner will be held on May 2nd, tickets are \$5;
- New officers have been installed.

Report from the Marine Corps League:

- First meeting was on March 15.

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

- Nothing to report.

Report from the VFW Auxiliary:

- Card and Bunco Party, Sunday April 18;
- Christmas in July craft fair, July 25th;
- Golf outing in August;
- Hoping to schedule a 5K run in September;
- Elections & installations were held Monday night;

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

- KWVA – Membership is down and meetings are on hold for the time being;
- MOPH – Nothing to report.

Report from AVMRA:

- Nothing to report.

Any other business:

- None

Comments from the public:

- None.

Jimmy Hunter made a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next Veteran's Commission meeting will be held May 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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