

## **Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the August 25, 2021 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	P - Colleen Sullivan
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary	A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
A - Bob Baisa	P - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets
P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander	P - Chris Hansley - VFW Aux. Pres.
P - Jim Hudik	P - Denise Houdek
P - John Houdek	P - Jimmy Hunter
A - John Maher (Assoc.)	P - William McNellis
P - Norm Pestlin	P - Georges Sanon
A - Karen Tobola	P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant
A- Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)	

Guest: Hon. Michael Glotz, President, Village of Tinley Park

### **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. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Chris Hansley, Jimmy Hunter seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Remarks by Liaison:**

Village President, Mayor Glotz introduced Trustee Colleen Sullivan as the Veterans Commission Trustee Liaison.

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

- Moving forward on the concrete pad by the M84 to display the plaque;
- Installation of Illinois Veterans of America plaque;
- Updates on the Howitzer 155 and Sherman tank;
- Additional equipment was discussed.

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

- We are continuing to work with Tinley Park High School on a presentation.

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

- The program has reopened but there may be delays.

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

- Nothing to report.

### **Correspondence:**

- No correspondence was received.

### **Ongoing Business:**

- Memorial Day recap;
- Voice of Democracy essay award was discussed;
- Amending of the Veterans Commission Ordinance (i.e. by-laws) was discussed;

### **New Business:**

- All Service Breakfast is to be held on October 16:
  - This will be held at the American Legion;
  - Donations for door prizes;
  - Menu;
  - Participants, volunteers, recognition awards and more;
- Veterans Commission Village Website/link was discussed
  - Any organization being considered must be vetted before being brought to the Commission's attention;
- Veterans Day events were discussed
  - Location, speaker and speakers in general, recognition awards, etc.;

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Report from the American Legion:**

- Pork chop dinner on November 9, tickets are going on sale;
- Holiday Market participation.

#### **Report from the VFW:**

- September 10/11 Poppy sales;
- September 25 Jim Hudik will be traveling to Michigan to present a donation National Home of America for orphaned children;
- Gun raffle is going on.

#### **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:**

- Golf outing was this past Saturday;
- The Auxiliary will be helping with Poppy Days;
- There will not be a 5K run in September.

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

- KWVA – Monthly meetings are still being held; the organization lost two veterans in the last month;
- MOPH – Meetings are on hold for the time being, membership is low and the group may be disbanded.

**Announcements:**

- Chairman Rasmussen reviewed the purpose of the Commission and made announcements before introducing the new Commission members;
- Announcement by Chris Hansley to thank the Commission for their support.

**Comments from the public:**

- Nothing to report.

Jimmy Hunter made a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next Veteran's Commission meeting will be held September 8, 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)