

Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the September 8, 2021 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:10 p.m.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

P - Doug Rasmussen - Chairman	P - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary	A- Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
P - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets	P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander
P - Chris Hansley - VFW Aux. Pres.	A - Jim Hudik
P - Denise Houdek	P – John Houdek
P - Jimmy Hunter	A - John Maher (Assoc.)
P - William McNellis, Commander Amer. Legion	P - Norm Pestlin
P - Georges Sanon	A - Karen Tobola
P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant	P- Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)

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 Jimmy Hunter, Bill McNellis seconded. The minutes were approved.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

Trustee Sullivan made announcements for:

- Village of Tinley Park Patriot Day activities:
 - Austin Edwards' Band;
 - Tinley Park High School Symphonic Band;
 - 144th Illinois Army National Guard Band;
- Farmer's Market.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- M84:
 - A 5x5' concrete pad has been installed, the plaque will be installed for the next phase;
 - This equipment will need to be inspected annually;
- Chair Rasmussen still needs to meet with the Village engineer to get the exact placement coordinates for the equipment;
- Application submissions were discussed.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Nothing to report.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

- Nothing new, waiting on new flags and waiting for previous requests.

Brick/Banner Program*:

- On Veterans Day the banners that are now hanging up will be taken down and returned to those who ordered them.

Correspondence:

- No new correspondence has been received.

Ongoing Business:

- All Service Breakfast will be held on October 16, 2021 at the American Legion:
 - Norm Pestlin made announcements on the details of the event;
 - Discussions were had for use of a DJ, event set-up, a chaplain for the event, and more;
 - Voice of Democracy essay contest winner award was discussed, the certificate and check will be presented at the breakfast;
 - Letter to present when requesting donations was handed out;
 - Door prizes were discussed;
 - The business volunteer award was discussed.
- Veteran's Day event:
 - Venues;
 - Music;
- Voting/non-voting members as it relates to the Veteran's Commission was discussed.

New Business:

- No new business to report.

REPORTS:

Report from the American Legion:

- Pork chop dinner on October 8, tickets are on sale;
- Events are scheduled for October 11th;
- Holiday Market participation.

Report from the VFW:

- There was an attempted break-in at 3 a.m. on September 8;
- Appointments need to be made to enter school grounds (this is for the essay contest);
- Reminder to lower flags to half-staff, including lowering the other flags that may be flying;
- Poppy days is this coming weekend.

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 –Remove from agenda for future meetings.

Announcements:

- Announcements on behalf of Prairie State were made:
 - Team Rubicon initiatives for Afghan refugees;
 - 9/11 recognition will be on their campus on September 9.

Comments from the public:

- Nothing to report.

Jimmy Hunter made a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The next Veteran's Commission meeting will be held October 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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