

## **Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the October 13, 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;
  - 144<sup>th</sup> Illinois Army National Guard Band;
- Farmer's Market.

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

- There are no new developments on new equipment.

### **Education in Art in Public Places:**

- The Commission still has art to present to Tinley Park High School. Dee Houdek will now oversee this program.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- There will be an announcement for this program at the All Service Breakfast.

### **Correspondence:**

- No new correspondence has been received.

### **Ongoing Business:**

- All Service Breakfast will be held on October 16, 2021 at the American Legion:
  - Final details were discussed including but not limited to: set up the night before, start time, awards, et.al.
- Veteran's Day event:
  - Event details were discussed including but not limited to: start time, entertainment, speakers, luncheon, et.al.

### **New Business:**

- Questions were asked about applying for a grant for military organizations.

### **REPORTS:**

- Report from the VFW:
  - Gun raffle is being held on Saturday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m., winner need not be present;
  - The state raised \$54,500.00 towards the two Illinois National Homes (located in Michigan), these are related towards veterans
    - One is for orphaned children whose parents have died and one is for integrating veterans coming back from their service and working with their families to integrate them back to day to day living.

### **Announcements:**

- Habitat for Humanity has a special program geared toward veterans
  - They will be doing quarterly projects and are looking for opportunities, these are currently geared toward assisting vets work on their current homes
    - George is discussing the potential of also building homes for veterans with the Habitat for Humanity contact he has;
    - There will be future opportunities in the Southland.

### **Comments from the public:**

- Nothing to report.

Jimmy Hunter made a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. The next Veteran's Commission meeting will be held November 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)