

Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the September 14, 2022 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 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.	P - Jim Hudik
P - Jimmy Hunter	A - John Maher (Assoc.)
P - William McNellis, Commander Amer. Legion	P - Norm Pestlin
E - Georges Sanon	A - Karen Tobola
P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant	P - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)

One guest was present, Bruce Haffner.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes were distributed for the May 2022 meeting. There has been no quorum until this meeting. Jimmy Hunter made the motion to approve the May 2022 minutes, Don Tomich seconded.

NOTES from the August meeting were passed out as reference material.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

Trustee Sullivan made the following announcements:

- Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce is having their Oktoberfest this coming weekend.
- Any questions, concerns, or suggestions from the Block Party should be discussed with her.
 - Concerns regarding the Car Show were brought up.
 - The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary had a conflict with dates as the Block Party is now two days instead of one.
- The Village Combined Employee and Commission holiday party will coincide with the Veteran's Commission meeting in December. We will need to decide whether or cancel or reschedule this meeting.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- A response was received from TACOM. The Village of Tinley Park has successfully completed all segments and qualifies for the donation of equipment for static display.
- We may explore the option of getting a decommissioned statue from a locale that is no longer using them. The commission should probably start with a list of statues that may be available, and then present that list to the Village Trustees to see if they would approve moving forward with this endeavor.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Nothing to report.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

- It appears that paperwork has been lost in the mail. Chris Hansley will continue to work on this.

Brick/Banner Program*:

- The Village handles this program. The banners have been put up, albeit they were put up late. It was suggested that we might want to look at other options to make the banners more visible in the community instead of confining them to Veteran's Parkway.
- Orland Park did a Banner Day event. We may want to look into doing something similar.

Correspondence:

- The only correspondence we have received was from TACOM as discussed above.

Ongoing Business:

- All Service Breakfast:
 - Roxane Tyssen will contact Marketing to further push the event.
 - Elected officials from Tinley Park have been invited.
 - Sign-up sheets are ready for distribution for attendance.
 - A donation request sheet for commissioners was passed around; everyone signed up to commit to solicit specific businesses for donations.
 - A motion to nominate John Banzer of Johnny's Auto Body was made by Norm Preston and seconded by Jimmy Hunter. All were in favor to award John for Veteran's Volunteer Service award.
 - The Commission will recognize both the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy winners with a \$100 check. A motion was made by Jim Hudik and seconded by Bob Bullard, all in favor, this motion was passed.
- Veterans Day:
 - Will be held at Veteran's Plaza
 - Additional particulars for the event were discussed.

New Business:

- Ideas for additional events or days to dedicate in support of veterans were discussed.
 - Possible locations were reviewed.
 - Conversations were had for who can be a possible guest speaker.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW
 - A recap of the VFW's block party that was on September 4 was given.
- Report from the American Legion
 - Tickets are still being sold for the Ethnic Night that is scheduled for September 24th. There will be Polish food and a polka band.

Announcements:

- Nothing to report.

Comments from the public:

- Nothing to report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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