

Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the August 9, 2023, Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:08 p.m. Housekeeping items for the good of the order were announced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

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| 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 |
| A – Robert Colby | P – Bruce Haffner |
| 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 | P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant |
| P – Paul Windish | P - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.) |

Guests: Mayor, Michael Glotz, Village Clerk, Nancy O'Connor,

Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes were distributed and read for the May 2023 meeting. Jimmy Hunter made the motion to approve the May 2023 minutes, Chris Hansley seconded.

Remarks by Mayor Michael Glotz

Opening remarks by Mayor Glotz thanking the commission for all that it does.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

Trustee Sullivan was not present:

- Shirts have been ordered; they should be ready for our September meeting.
- Asked for and received feedback on the Block Party.
- Ribbon cutting ceremonies/new businesses were announced.
- An update on Harmony Plaza was given.
- Prospective businesses were discussed.
- Infrastructure upgrades were mentioned.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- Nothing to report.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- In November there will be a military display at the Tinley Park Public Library.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

- Reminded the commission that this is now being handled by the Village and will be removed from future agendas.

Brick/Banner Program*:

- Chris Hansley stated the Village is taking orders. We will not receive notice of any new bricks until sometime in September or early October.
- Clerk O'Connor discussed a potential new program for bricks.
- Clerk O'Connor brought up the possibility of a program that reuses banners that have been previously paid for to be rehung.
 - Both the potential brick and banner programs have been tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence:

- No correspondence has been received.

Ongoing Business:

- Memorial Day:
 - The Andrew band will not be available for Memorial Day 2024 as the kids will be out of school at that point. Alternate possibilities were discussed.

New Business:

- All Service Breakfast
 - It will be held Saturday, October 14th at American Legion Post #615.
 - Food, entertainment, and speakers were discussed.
 - MIA/POW table should have a fresh rose.
 - Individual letters will be written for each commission member/commissioner and distributed for collection of donations for door prizes at the event.
 - What veterans service organization should be honored was brought up. DAV was selected.
- Veteran's Day
 - Color Guard line-up was confirmed.
 - The Chaplain for the event was discussed.
 - Sign-up sheets were mentioned.

EXPENSES:

- Approval for reimbursement for expenses from Memorial Day to the American Legion were approved.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW
 - Final three car shows.
 - The gun raffle tickets are all sold and will be announced at the last event.
 - The VFW is hosting a bbq/picnic for the veterans at Manteno this Sunday.
 - The Commander was able to go on the honor flight and highly recommends it.
- Report from the American Legion
 - Nothing to report.

Announcements:

- A free dental cleaning is being offered by a local dentist.

Comments from the public:

- There was no public to comment.

Jim Hudik made the motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7 p.m.

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