

Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 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

P - Doug Rasmussen - Chairman

P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary

P - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

P - Robert Colby

P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Pres.

E - Jimmy Hunter

E - William McNellis, Commander Amer. Legion

P - Georges Sanon

E - Paul Windich

P - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison

A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison

E - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander

P - Bruce Haffner

P - Jim Hudik

A - John Maher (Assoc.)

P - Norm Pestlin

A - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant

A - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes were distributed but were tabled until the next meeting for approval.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- New businesses were announced.
- Shirts for the Commissioners were distributed.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- Nothing to report.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- No updates were presented.

Correspondence:

- There was no correspondence.

Ongoing Business:

- All Service Breakfast:
 - Details of the event were discussed. This included catering, sign-up sheets, door prizes, awards, etc.
 - Press for the event was mentioned.
 - Roxane will design a flyer for the event and provide Chairman Rasmussen a draft for approval. It will be given to the marketing department.

- Veterans Day:
 - The Commission reviewed particulars for the event. This included music, speakers, the chaplain, awards, etc.
 - A hot meal luncheon at the VFW will follow.

New Business:

- Georges discussed additional items to add to the Veterans Commission webpage on the Village of Tinley Park's website to include some resources that are available for veterans.
- Georges also reviewed some future events that are being held in the area for veterans.
- The Cook County Veterans Affairs will sponsor a resource fair at Brookfield Zoo on September 28th.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW:
 - Representatives from the Post are reaching out to more schools in the area to increase submissions for the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy programs.
 - There is a Halloween dance on October 28th. Costumes are optional.
- Report from the American Legion:
 - September 30th is the Italian Night dinner.

Announcements:

- There is a bill in Springfield that will affect the gaming laws in the State. This will be harmful to businesses and organizations who get their revenue from in-house gaming.
- Upcoming events at Prairie State were announced.

Comments from the public:

- There were no comments.

Jim Hudik made the motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:2 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.

*The military Banner Program can be found here:

https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php