

Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

Minutes of the October 04 11, 2023 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:03 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 – Dr. Doug Rasmussen, DC - Chairman	E - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary	A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
A - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets	P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander
P - 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
P - Georges Sanon	P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant
P - Paul Windish	P - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes from August and September were distributed. Jimmy Hunter made the motion to accept the August 9, 2023 minutes as amended, Norm Pestlin seconded, all approved. Jimmy Hunter made the motion to accept the September 13, 2023 as corrected, Bruce Haffner seconded, all approved.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- Chairman Rasmussen read Trustee Sullivan's comments in her absence.
- The meeting to discuss having the EVEN hotel host their meeting was moved to Thursday.
- Amazon Fresh has requested a permit to continue with Amazon Fresh.
- Grace & John are confirmed for entertainment for the All Service Breakfast.

A moment of silence was taken to reflect on the conflicts that have arisen in Israel as well as the continuing war in the Ukraine.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- Nothing to report.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- There is a military display at the Tinley Park Library that Bruce Haffner has put together. It starts on November 1st and runs through the end of the month.

Correspondence:

- There was no correspondence but we have the invoice for the entertainment from the All Service Breakfast. This was previously approved under the costs for the event.

Ongoing Business:

- All Service Breakfast:
 - Entertainment has been secured.
 - Additional details for the event were discussed.
 - Roxane designed the flyer, the date to sign up by will be added. It is good to print once this has been done.
 - It will be all hands on deck on Saturday morning for the event, the Legion already has volunteers to set up on Friday night.
- Veterans Day:
 - The Commission stated that the event is set and we are ready to go.

New Business:

- Flags for displays - Norm Pestlin made a motion to purchase additional flags to be used for display on Veteran's graves was made, Georges seconded, the motion passed. There is a line item in the budget to cover this expense.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW:
 - There is a Halloween dance on October 28th. Costumes are optional.
 - There is a blood drive on November 18th at the Post.
 - Commander Cagle confirmed that there are discussions to move the VFW to the empty lot and the location where Evon's Trophies is also located. This is only a discussion phase.
 - Please give Chris any gift cards and certificates for the All Service Breakfast.
- Report from the American Legion:
 - There is a gun raffle for Post 615. Tickets can be purchased in the Canteen.
 - The Legion will not be participating in the Holiday Market this year.

Announcements:

- We need to order a few new shirts as they ran smaller than expected.
- The Commission wished the Navy a happy birthday.
- Georges handed out flyers for the upcoming Veteran's Business Summit.
- The VA has announced that Fort McCulellan in Alabama has been declared a hazardous waste site. There has been \$60 billion set aside for lawsuits.

Comments from the public:

- There were no comments.

Jimmy Hunter made the motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 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