

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the April 21, 2016 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1900 hrs.

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

P- Wiley Roberts – Chairman

E- Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin – Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

P- Bill Conner

P- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

P-Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

A- Bill McNellis – American Legion

E- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

A- Tony Castillo

P- Chris Hansley

A- Don Tomich MCL

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison

none

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Fred Cagle is waiting for a copy of the board minutes and the ordinance approving the placement of military equipment in town. When he receives them he will submit the paperwork to TACOM.

Zion Cemetery veteran's grave:

We are still looking into the possibility of removing the lock from the gate and putting on a combination lock that several people had the combination for.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Andrew H.S. has rejected the proposal to place a Battlefield Cross memorial at the school. We will attempt to find a memorial more suitable to their liking.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

The flag currently flying at the Oak Park station is for Fred Junker. Chris has 3 flags waiting to be flown and two to be ordered. The cost for the flags has gone up from \$21.30 to \$24.75.

Consider a recognition for past Veteran's Commission Chairman Ed Trennert:

Bob Baisa will get a price from Graf Memorial for an oversized brick to be placed on Veterans Plaza walkway in Ed's honor.

Memorial Day:

The Pastor from St. Stephen Parish will do the invocation & benediction at the Memorial Day ceremony. Wiley will act as MC.

Get school children active in our Memorial and Veteran's Day programs:

We will get the schools involved by including their coral groups in some of our events.

Correspondence:

The Vietnam moving wall will be in Hazel Crest from May 5th thru the 9th with commemorative ceremonies on the 7th.

New Business:

On May 1st, Loyalty Day, all are welcome to assist the VFW in placing flags on veteran's graves at local cemeteries. Meet at the VFW at 8:30am.

On Sat. May 7th we will host a reception at the Village Hall for Mark Peterson who is being commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the USMC.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Our 75th anniversary celebration was well attended and enjoyed by all. Loyalty Day May 1st Meet at the VFW at 8:30am. May 20th to the 22nd we are having a carnival in conjunction with the American Legion. April 29th we are having an appreciation dinner for all those that help out at the Post.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE CHICAGO BASE U.S. SUBMARINE VETERANS:

We now have a memorial wall at the VFW. Each March we host the cadets from the Rickover Naval Academy.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report – No Rep

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):

We recently lost 2 members.

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):

No Report – No Rep

AVMRA

We are holding a spaghetti dinner on April 30th from noon to 5pm.

Any other business

The meeting was adjourned at 2032 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held May 11, 2016