

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the April 11, 2012 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

P-Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee

P-Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman

P-Norm Pestlin – Secretary

P-Matt Heffernan

A-Phil Clarke

P-Colleen Simon

P-Bruce Lorence

P-Bill Conner

A-Robert Baisa

P-Bob Shaffner – Cmdr, American Legion

E-Jerry Styrsky – Cmdr, VFW Post 2791

A-Ken Fulton

P-Jack Morley

P-Arlene Morley

P-Ken Wrezzes

P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League

P-Sam English – KWVA

P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

P-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux

A- Audrey Zarembski – VFW Aux

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

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

Veterans Parkway memorial bricks & benches

At last count about \$20,000.00 has been raised for memorial bricks. Applications are available in the papers, at the Village hall and on the Village web site. All bricks should be in place for the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> dedication of the plaza.

Remarks by Trustee Seaman:

We are still receiving requests for paver bricks. Forms are available on line and at the Village hall.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway

We lost the tank we were hoping to get from Ft. Sheridan; it was moved to Ft. McCoy WI. We are still waiting to get information from TACOM on the availability of another piece of equipment.

Discover Tinley (April 14)

We will have yellow ribbons and brick applications at the booth. The booth must be set up by 9:30am.

Memorial Day (May 28)

Jim Wilkins is trying to get a sub vet to be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day program. He will try to get confirmation by May 1<sup>st</sup> so we can have programs made up.

The VFW offered to do a fallen soldier memorial at the Memorial Day celebration. They will need about 15 minutes to do it. We will include it in the program.

Veterans Day – Nov.11, 2012

The Veterans Day ceremony and the dedication of Veterans Plaza will take place at the 80<sup>th</sup> Ave train station on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Donna has applications for 2 memorial flags. She will order the flags from Washington.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

The last 3 'Reflections' prints have been framed and are in the vault at the Village hall.

Yellow ribbon program:

We will be signing up volunteers for placing ribbons on poles around town at Discover Tinley.

Correspondence:

The new proposed language to the ordinance creating the Veterans Commission was read and accepted by the members.

New Business:

There will be a welcome home gathering for Capt. Troy Gryga USAF on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Kallsen Center at 7pm.

Bob Shaffner reported that the Orland Park Veterans commission is heading up a Department of Defense program honoring Korean War veterans on the 60 anniversary of the Korean War. The

celebration will take place May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1300 hrs in Orland Park. They are looking for names of Korean War vets to honor them with a certificate of recognition.

**REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:**

We will be in the Bulldogs parade Sunday at noon. Spaghetti dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:**

No Report

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

May 1<sup>st</sup> we will be placing flags on graves in Tinley Park with the VFW. May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo party at the Post. Jr. High school awards are coming up along with the Cpl. Kevin Clarke scholarship award at Andrew HS.

We are planning to hold a televised poker championship in June with sponsorships from village merchants.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:**

May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo party

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

Our memorial at the mouth of the Chicago River is moving up through channels at city hall.

**REPORT FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:**

Daisy days June 8, 9, 15 and 16.

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

No Report

**Any other business**

Bruce Lorence reported that the 5k run proposed at the last meeting is moving along and will be held on a Sunday in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held May 9, 2012