

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the December 12, 2012 Meeting

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

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

E-Wiley Roberts – Chairman
P-Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee
P-Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman
P-Norm Pestlin –Secretary
A-Matt Heffernan
A-Phil Clarke
P-Colleen Simon
A-Bruce Lorence
E-Bill Conner
A-Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen
P-Bob Shaffner– Cmdr, American Legion
A-Ken Fulton
A-Jack Morley
P-Arlene Morley
P-Ken Wrezzes
P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League
P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
P-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux
A-Janice Cepak – 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 engraved paver bricks & benches

As the service flag poles were eliminated from the plaza it was suggested that we look into installing some type of flag pole receptacle behind the wall. This would enable us to use the indoor service flags and poles we already have for ceremonies.

Remarks by Trustee Seaman:

The service flag poles taken out of the plaza contract due to the cost. We will look into installing flag pole receptacles behind the wall. Tabled until the next meeting.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway

No military equipment has become available as of yet.

Education in Art in Public Buildings

The feeling was to continue the program. We will probably be looking for a piece of artwork honoring the Desert Storm era. Tabled until the next meeting.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We need to make contact with our new congressmen to establish a procedure to obtain memorial flags. We need to contact Congressman Bobby Rush and Congressman Bill Foster's offices to determine which will be the most receptive to obtaining flags for us.

Yellow ribbon program:

Colleen reported that she will redo the poles around the parks but the ribbons that were removed from the poles on Oak Park Ave. for Christmas decorations will not be redone.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

A discussion was held on job placement for veterans. Several suggestions were made as to where vets could get job information but there didn't seem to be any one location where someone could go to obtain this info. It was suggested that we contact the Orland Park Vet center to see if they could provide this service.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Friday we will hold the adult Christmas party from 7pm to ??, Saturday will be the kids Christmas party from noon to 3pm.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Our kids Christmas party will be held this Sunday starting t noon. Dec. 25th we will host 40+ Navy recruits from Great Lakes training center along with vets from the Manteno veterans home and local needy vets. Dinner will be served at 11 am consisting of turkey, ham, beef and several side dishes. We

are taking donations to help defray the cost. Computers and cell phones will be provided for the use of our guests.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:

The Auxiliary will hold a Country & Western night January 12th featuring live music and dinner provided by 'Hog Wild'. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

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

Still working with the city on a memorial. We are also supporting the Navy JROTC programs at local high schools.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

No Report

Any other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2021 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held January 9, 2013