

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the October 14, 2015 Meeting

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

Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

P- Wiley Roberts – Chairman
P- Bernard Brady – Liaison Trustee
P- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary
P- Colleen Simon
E- Bruce Lorence
E- Bill Conner
E- Robert Baisa
P- Doug Rasmussen
P-Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

P-Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791
E- Bill McNellis –, American Legion
E- Jack Morley
E- Arlene Morley
A- Ken Wrezzes
E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA
P- Tony Castillo
P- Chris Hansley
P- 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 Mayor Seaman & Trustee Bernard Brady:

Trustee Bernard Brady reported that the roundabout is a dead issue, also the board is considering videotaping its meetings and making them available to the local TV channel. Clerk Rea informed us that next year is the 75th anniversary of the VFW and the Village will honor Post 2791 on the 2016 Village vehicle sticker. He also suggested that we honor our past commission chairs with a plaque or monument. A motion was made and passed to investigate a location for the award and what form it should take.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Fred Cagle reported that TACOM still needs approval from the Village in order for us to get any surplus equipment. Judy B. asked Fred for sample of the required request.

Zion Cemetery veterans grave:

Wiley will contact Zion Lutheran Church to see if we can cut the lock off the gate to gain access to the graves behind the fence.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug Rasmussen showed the Commission the framed artwork that will be presented to Andrew at our Veterans Day ceremony.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Chris gave the flag for James Parrish to the MCL commandant. There are no other outstanding flag requests. Chris requested that we add “Relationship to deceased veteran” to the application. Wiley is going to revisit all local funeral homes to remind them that we offer this service and to ask that they pass the information on to their clients.

Blue / Gold Star memorial:

Nothing to report.

Challenge Coins:

Wiley presented coins to WWII vets at the Veteran’s breakfast.

Veterans Breakfast:

67 veterans filled out information sheets at the breakfast. The total number signed up with guests was 100. Total count at the breakfast was about 100. It was suggested that we consider starting a little later for a brunch or luncheon.

Veterans Day:

Wiley will line up a guest speaker and someone to do the invocation. The Commission unanimously chose Bill Comer as the recipient of the 2015 Col David Seaman Volunteer Award. Wiley will write up an article on Bill for insertion in the Veterans Day program.

Correspondence:

none

New Business:

A motion was made and passed to change our suspended summer meeting schedule from having no meetings in July & August to suspending the June & July meetings instead.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We have a committee working on our 75th anniversary activities. We approved the purchase of a 60” TV for Concord Plaza veterans home. We donated \$500.00 to St. George to replace their flag pole. The Manteno run, Nov. 1st will start at the convention center. We raised about \$15,000.00 for the veteran’s home this year. On Veterans Day we will be visiting several schools.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep

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

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

We will be running a Day at the Races at Manteno in November.

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):

We had a state meeting in Normal, IL

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

We presented a tapestry to Hilda Walker School.

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2048 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held November 11, 2015