

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the November 11, 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  
A- Bernard Brady – Liaison Trustee  
E- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman  
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary  
P- Colleen Simon  
E- Bruce Lorence  
A- Bill Conner  
A- Robert Baisa  
E- Doug Rasmussen  
E- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

A-Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791  
P- Bill McNellis –, American Legion  
P- Jack Morley  
P- Arlene Morley  
E- 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:**

Nor present

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

Judy B. mentioned that the Village is still waiting for info on where the display would be located in order to write proclamation.

**Zion Cemetery veteran's grave:**

Wiley contacted Zion Lutheran Church to see if we can cut the lock off the gate to gain access to the graves behind the fence. They do not want the lock removed as it would allow access to the back of their cemetery.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

The artwork was gratefully accepted by the Andrew H.S. principal at our Veterans Day ceremony.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

No new requests and no outstanding flags or citations to be presented.

**Challenge Coins:**

We just found out that there are some new WWII veteran residents at Tinley Court Retirement home. Wiley will check their DD214's and get challenge coins to them.

**Veterans Day:**

All went well, the wall at the South end of the tent helped to block the wind from the band and the rest of the spectators. We'll do it the same next year.

**Correspondence:**

Letter advising us that the PD is a drop off point for "Toys for Tots"

**New Business:**

Retired Lt. Col. Ryan Yantis, survivor of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, has agreed to be our guest speaker at the 2016 Memorial Day ceremony.

Judy pointed out that the Village had collected donations for care packages for the troops back when we were still doing it. The money is in an escrow account and the Village Treasurer would like to know what to do with it. It was suggested that it be transferred to an account earmarked for relocation costs for equipment for our proposed veteran's memorial.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

The Legion and the Auxiliary will have booths at the Holiday Market. Christmas Day we will again be hosting about 50 Navy recruits from Great Lakes Training Center at our Post. Bill wanted to make the Commission aware that 2019 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Legion.

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

No Report – No Rep

**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:**

No Report

**Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):**

No Report – No Rep

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

No Report – No Rep

**AVMRA**

No Report – No Rep

**Any other business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2048 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held December 9, 2015