

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the February 10, 2016 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- Dave Seaman - Mayor

P- Wiley Roberts – Chairman

P- Bernard Brady – Liaison Trustee

A- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

A- Bill Conner

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

P-Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis –, American Legion

P- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

P- Ken Wrezzes

A- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

P- 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 Trustee Brady:

Bernie showed us the new Village vehicle sticker honoring the VFW's 75th anniversary.

The resolution that TACOM requires for us to receive equipment has been drafted and will go to the full board soon.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Fred Cagle reported that he had met with the Mayor & Pat Rea about the project. Wiley reaffirmed that he has a contact that could move the equipment.

Zion Cemetery veteran's grave:

Wiley looked into the possibility of moving the WWI veteran's remains to Abraham Lincoln cemetery. He found out that several permits are required along with a new casket and opening and closing of the graves at each cemetery, a hearse to transport the remains and possibly a funeral director. Fred Cagle mentioned that he had spoken to Maher Funeral Home and that they would like to get involved in this.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

We haven't heard anything from the schools yet.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

No new requests and no outstanding flags or citations to be presented. Chris offered to revisit the local funeral homes to remind them about our flag program.

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

Ed was Commission Chairman from 1977 to 2000. It was decided to purchase an oversized brick with appropriate text to be installed in the Army section of the General Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza walkway in his memory.

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

No update.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Chris suggested that we recognize our local Civil War Medal of Honor recipient with a plaque at Veterans Plaza.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

March 6th we will have corned beef sandwiches at the Post at 11am. The SAL will be having a breakfast prior to the St. Patrick's Day parade.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

March 19th we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the forming of our Post. March 6th we will have sandwiches and entertainment at the post.

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):

We lost 2 members Harold Neubauer and Lloyd Brandau. Feb 7th they had a 4 chaplain's memorial at Hines Hospital.

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

We went to Manteno for their Christmas party.

AVMRA

We lost the commander John Bartosiewicz. Sunday Feb. 21st we will hold our Daytona 500 chili cook-off party at Post 2791.

Any other business

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held March 9, 2016