

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the August 10, 2016 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- Kevin Suggs – Liaison Trustee

A- Pat Carr – Liaison

P- Tony Castillo – Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin – Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

P- Bill Conner

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

P- Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis– Cmdr. American Legion

E- Jack Morley

E- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA

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 corrected.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison

Trustee Kevin Suggs was introduced as our new Liaison.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Fred Cagle reported that TACOM has received and accepted our paperwork. He also found out that we cannot request specific pieces of equipment from Ft. Sheridan. We should have a piece of equipment in 1 to 2 years.

Zion Cemetery veteran's grave:

Still no word on getting permanent access to the area.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug proposed a plaque with a verse that begins with "It is the Soldier..." as our gift to Andrew High School. The commission voted to accept his recommendation.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Chris is in the process of ordering several new flags to satisfy recent requests.

Recognition for past Veteran's Commission Chairman Ed Trennert:

We are trying to find out Ed's rank when discharged to be able to complete the text on the memorial brick. Dedication is tentatively Veteran's Day.

Veterans Breakfast – Sat., Oct. 8, 2016 @ TPHS

It was suggested that instead of presenting ornaments this year we solicit local restaurants for gift certificates in the amount of \$20.00. Tony will look in to this. We will check with TPHS to see if they have a coral group that could perform patriotic songs during the breakfast. Doors will open at 8am.

Veterans Day – Fri., Nov. 11, 2016:

Colleen will check on the availability of Central's coral group. Bill McNellis will check on a guest speaker. Wiley will try to get a chaplain set up.

Col. David Seaman volunteerism award:

Wiley asked the members to come up with suggestions for recipients of this award by our next meeting.

Correspondence:

Letter from Catholic Charities informing us of their supportive services for veterans.

New Business:

A discussion was held on the 4th of July ceremony at the Park Dist. People in attendance were not informed that we were raising the flag or reciting the pledge so very few stopped what they were doing or stood up. It was recommended that, next year, someone from a veteran's organization has input on this ceremony.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Aug. 17th we are holding a Police Appreciation Night. We have invited police officers from Tinley Park and surrounding towns. We will be holding a carnival from Sep. 30 thru Oct. 2nd at the Metra lot 179th & 80th Ave.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

The VFW is disbanding its men's auxiliary and replacing it with a combined men's & women's auxiliary. We were approached recently by a local resident informing us that they were fined by their condo association for flying an American flag. We would like the Villages position on this. We received the outstanding citizen award at our recent national convention. Poppy Days will be Sep. 30th & Oct. 1st.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep

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

We have a verbal agreement with the City of Chicago to build a memorial on the River Walk.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

Nothing coming up but we did have a picnic for the vets at Manteno Veteran's home. In October we will be holding a day at the races at Manteno.

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):

Bill talked about the many activities that KWVA and MOPH have been involved in recently.

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

(See above)

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

Comments from the public:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 2048 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held September 14, 2016