

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the Jan. 11, 2012 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	A-Ken Fulton
P-Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee	E-Jack Morley
E-Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman	E-Arlene Morley
P-Norm Pestlin – Secretary	A-Ken Wrezzes
P-Matt Heffernan	P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League
A-Phil Clarke	P-Sam English – KWVA
P-Colleen Simon	P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
P-Bruce Lorence	E-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux
P-Bill Conner	P-Eva Reyes-Seitz – VFW Aux
A-Robert Baisa	A- Audrey Zaremski – VFW Aux
P-Bob Shaffner– Cmdr, American Legion	A-Dave Montee- American Legion Rep.
E-Jerry Styrsky – Cmdr, VFW Post 2791	

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.

Remarks by Trustee Seaman:

Trustee Seaman reported that \$13,300.00 in donations have been collected toward the veteran's memorial. He has not yet received a bench design that met with his approval. Until a design is accepted a cost per bench cannot be determined.

Veterans Parkway memorial bricks & benches

84 paver bricks have been sold it was clarified that bricks may be purchased not only by Tinley Park residents but also by members of surrounding communities. A motion was made and passed that the Commission purchase 3 of the large bricks, one for each of our local fallen heroes, Sutter, Clarke and ??? They will include the name, service logo, conflict and dates.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway

The tank that we will be getting from Ft. Sheridan will be de-milled at no cost to us. We need to determine where it will be placed and what kind of concrete pad/platform will be required.

Veterans Day – Nov.11, 2012

The commission approved the framing of the 3 remaining prints 'Reflections'. One is earmarked for display at the 80th Ave train station. It will be presented at the Veterans Day ceremony.

The commission voted in favor of dedicating 2012 to the 'Cold War'.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

The 3 flags that were flown over the Capital and the Oak Park train station have been presented to the families.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

We will have the 3 remaining prints framed.

Yellow ribbon program:

Wiley asked Colleen to find out how much we spent on ribbons last year and how much was collected.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Wiley explained a program where embroidered stars are cut from unserviceable flags and included in the packages we send to the troops. The troops can carry a star as a reminder that folks at home are thinking about them. Wiley asked that the stars be given to him.

Wiley asked for suggestions as to what the Commission can give to returning troops such as a resolution from the village or small gift.

The Purple Heart Veterans have asked to have representation on the Commission. The request was tabled until we can determine what the ordinance reads.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Fish fry Friday the 20th; this will be the last fish fry till lent. We are considering running spaghetti dinners in the fall.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Christmas day we hosted 35 Navy recruits at our post. New Years day we held a BBQ rib dinner that was well attended. Feb 12th we will hold a sock hop and spaghetti dinner for \$12.00pp.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:

No Report

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

No Report

REPORT FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report

Any other business

The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hrs.
The next Commission meeting will be held Feb. 8, 2012