

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the Feb. 8, 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  
P-Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee  
E-Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman  
P-Norm Pestlin – Secretary  
P-Matt Heffernan  
A-Phil Clarke  
P-Colleen Simon  
P-Bruce Lorence  
P-Bill Conner  
A-Robert Baisa  
P-Bob Shaffner – Cmdr, American Legion

P-Jerry Styrsky – Cmdr, VFW Post 2791  
A-Ken Fulton  
A-Jack Morley  
P-Arlene Morley  
A-Ken Wrezzes  
P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League  
P-Sam English – KWVA  
P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans  
E-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux  
A- Audrey Zarembski – VFW Aux

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:

The new train station will open March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The memorial walkway will open later in the year.

Veterans Parkway memorial bricks & benches

Sam English posed the question as to the possibility of purchasing several bricks and placing them in such a way as to form a pattern or logo. He was advised to put the request in a letter and send it to Judy B. and Wiley.

Bill Conner, VFW, submitted the name of one of their members that is willing to submit a bid for the benches.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway

The tank that we will be getting from Ft. Sheridan is not available yet.

Irish Parade (March 11th)

Parade starts at 2pm. We will participate.

Discover Tinley (April 14)

We will have a booth at Discover Tinley. We need see if we have enough yellow ribbons and flags. We will have brick applications at the booth.

Memorial Day (May 28)

Wiley asked that we think about a keynote speaker for the program. This year we are honoring 'Cold War' veterans.

Veterans Day – Nov.11, 2012

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We have 1 application pending.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

We are waiting for approval for the print 'Reflections' to be displayed at the 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. station.

Yellow ribbon program:

Colleen reported that since the inception of the project we received \$849.00 in donations and we have spent \$903.00 on ribbons.

Correspondence:

Wiley submitted a press release to the local newspapers explaining the paver brick program.

New Business:

None

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

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> the family support group set out care packages to the troops. Fish fry's will start Feb. 24 and run every Fri. thru Lent. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> AVMRA chili cook off.

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

No Report

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Valentine dinner dance.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:**

No Report

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

Our new float will be ready for the St. Pats day parade.

**REPORT FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:**

Korea is releasing M1 Garand rifles for sale on the U.S. Daisy days June 8, 9, 15 and 16.

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

No Report

**Any other business**

The meeting was adjourned at 1952 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held March 14, 2012