

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes, April 16, 2025

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The January 15, 2025 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Lucas Hawley who led the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman David Niemeyer, Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley – vice chairman, Jim Muller, George Rohde (via phone), and Michele Rons;
- Absent: Commissioners: Katy Brand; Trustee Liaison, William Brady
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Guest: Jordan Bartolini

Approval of Minutes:

- March 2025 minutes were read; Lucas Hawley made the motion to approve, Michele Rons seconded. All were in favor, minutes were approved.

Sister City Updates:

- Büdingen, Germany Update: Zoom Call recap (April 12, 2025) – Büdingen's Medieval Fest was the primary topic of discussion. Overall the meeting was very positive; commissioners commented on how nice it is to see our friends there.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Lucas Hawley gave an update on the event the County Cork delegation holds at the Emerald Loop Club.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Katy Brand should be reaching out to Jan Pilewski in Warsaw and will be updating the commission next month.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Isam Kiswani should be in Jordan now and will be traveling to Aqaba at some point during his trip there.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- Dave Niemeyer, Hannah Lipman, and Roxane Tyssen continue to keep in touch with the USAID/TAQARIB members that we met in November of 2024.

- Between the three of us we will make efforts to keep in touch with those that we met from Ghadamis, Libya.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Continuing Business:

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Public comments/Announcements:

- Guest Joradan Bartolini introduced herself. She is interested in becoming a commissioner or associate commissioner.

Adjourned:

- Dave Niemeyer asked for a motion to adjourn, Lucas Hawley made the motion, Roxane Tyssen seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned 7:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.