

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes, September 24, 2025

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The September 24, 2025 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Secretary Roxane Tyssen who led the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Katy Brand, Isam Kiswani, Jim Muller, Michele Rons
- Absent: Chairman David Niemeyer; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley – vice chairman George Rohde; Trustee Liaison, William Brady; Staff Liaison: Hannah Lipman
- Staff Liaison: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- August 2025 minutes were read and approved with the correct.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Roxane Tyssen updated the commission on the possibility of having Carolina Ysenberg as an exchange student. We hope to hear from the principal at Andrew in the next week or two to see what needs to be done.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Nothing to report.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing to report.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Roxane Tyssen updated the commission on communications. We have heard from Peter and there is still a desire to go forward with the sister cities partnership. Dave and Roxane will reach out to him to respond.
- Isam Kiswani mentioned that the political climate, we may not be able to make a decision on travel until early 2026. Roxane stated that the Consul General will be going to Aqaba and upon his return, he will reach out and provide an update.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- Nothing to report. Hannah Lipman, Dave Niemeyer, and Roxane Tyssen continue to try to keep in touch with the group that we met there.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Continuing Business:

- The tree lighting ceremony will be early this year, the holiday market will be the first weekend in December.
- There will be a memorial for Carol Tietz in Germany in December. The date for the local memorial for her has yet to be determined.

Public comments/Announcements:

- There was no public in attendance.

Adjourned:

- Roxane Tyssen made a motion was made to adjourn, Lucas Hawley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.