

Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

Minutes of the August 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:02 p.m. Housekeeping items for the good of the order were announced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

P – Dr. Doug Rasmussen, DC - Chairman	E - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary	A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
A - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets	P - Robert Colby
P – Mark Ethridge	P - Bruce Haffner
P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Pres.	E - Jimmy Hunter
P - Danny Kent, Marine Corps League	P - Norm Pestlin
P - Georges Sanon	P - Paul Windish
P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander (ex-officio)	
A – Mike Rowan, Commander Amer. Legion (ex-officio)	

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes from May 14, 2025 meeting were distributed. Norm Pestlin made a motion to approve as amended. Jimmy Hunter seconded, all approved. There was no quorum in

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- Trustee Sullivan was not in attendance but provided a short update to be read on her behalf.
 - Pete's Market is scheduled to open the first week in September.
 - Jack-in-the-Box will be open by the end of the month.
 - Opening night of Harmony Square saw an attendance of approximately 20,000; the Bodeans performed (Village events are slowly being transferred from Zabrocki Plaza to Harmony Square space).

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- Nothing to report.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Bruce Haffner will try the Tinley Park Library again to see if they have an interest in a poster of a copy of artwork done by Medal of Honor recipient Henry Hardenbergh.
- Roxane Tyssen mentioned that there is some open wall space, located in the Public Safety Building where the Senior Center is located, and Bruce may want to reach out to see if artwork can be placed there.

Correspondence:

- There is no correspondence.

Ongoing Business:

- Memorial Day Recap:

- The consensus was that overall, everything went well.
- Honor Guard will be coming from the VFW Post.
- The luncheon for the Manteno veterans who have banners along Veterans Parkway was recapped.

New Business:

- The Commission is always looking for speakers for events, all commissioners were asked to keep this in mind.
- Next year is our nation's 250th Anniversary; the Commission will need to work with Village Hall to be represented in any events (example: parade participations)
 - The commission will need to look into VOTP Veteran's Commission magnets for the sides of a car to have in the parade
- All Service Breakfast:
 - Announcements for solicitations for donations for door prizes were discussed; Letters will be handed out to the commissioners at the next meeting.
 - Roxane will work on compiling a list for donations to hand off to Chris Hansley.
- Checks for Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen essay winners were discussed.
 - Chairman Rasmussen asked for a motion to be made, that, "Going forward, the Commission will present a certificate to the winners of the contests, and they will be invited to read their essays, but that the Commission will no longer sponsor a monetary award for the winners", Mark Ethridge made the motion, _____ seconded.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW:
 - The first Sunday in August, Post members treated the Manteno vets to a picnic sponsored by the Post.
 - The Post will be raising the flag for the start of the school year at several local schools.
 - Several of the Cruise Nights had to be canceled due to weather this year.

Announcements:

- Bruce Haffner mentioned that the Maher funeral homes are not going out of business, they are merging with Colonial Funeral Home in Orland Park. The building will be sold. The school district that owns it, will now be using it as the district's HQ.

Comments from the public:

- There were no additional public comments.

Chairman Rasmussen asked for a motion to adjourn, Mark Ethridge made the motion, Norm Pestlin seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.