

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes

October 18, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge

The pledge was recited.

Present: Commission Chair Michael Hiss; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen;
Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Lucas Hawley, and Jim Muller. Village Liaison: Rob Zimmer

Additions/Revisions to Agenda - None, Hawley 1st, Bill 2nd. Agenda approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes - No changes, Muller 1st, Hawley 2nd.
September 20, 2017 SCC Meeting Minutes approved.

Sister City Updates

Büdingen Sister City Update

Next Skype Session

- Saturday, November 11, 2017 beginning at 9:45 AM in the Fulton Conference Room
This will be the last Skype for the year and is open to the public.

Recipe Exchange

- Pumpkin Pie Recipe Contest - This Saturday, October 21st.
- We have both informal and formal entries. Entries will be accepted the morning of the contest.
- The contest is being held Saturday, October 21, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Kallsen Conference Center
- We have been informed that a reporter from the Tinley Junction will be on-site on Saturday morning.
- Grading: Taste (1-10), appearance (1-10), +5 bonus if nothing is store bought: pie filling, same with crust.
- Judges will also be open to the public, the trustees, and members of the Chamber of Commerce.
- To purchase: small plates, forks, a knife, whipped cream, a box of coffee from Dunkin Donuts.
- A Village of Tinley Park beer stein and a gift card for 1st place, a gift card for 2nd place will be awarded to winners.
- Muller to Motion for \$25 1st , \$15 2nd, \$10 3rd, total of \$100 for all supplies (coffee, etc.), total to spend \$100 - Hawley 1st, Muller 2nd. All in favor, Carried.

2018 Visitation from Büdingen Residents

- We are looking at October 2nd - 12th (+/- a day or two).
- Tom Savick has offered to do free walking architectural tours of Chicago. Will give a full background, etc. 90 minutes, a few miles total. No charge to anyone - Village or participants. He will handle getting access to buildings, etc.

A motion was presented to utilize his services. Lucas 1st, Tyssen 2nd to have Tom give these tours. All in favor. Carried.

- Host family: A family currently hosting one of the Budingen students is also interested in hosting.

2020 Visitation to Büdingen, Germany

- Bastion (the current German exchange student) indicated that for the time we were looking at (end of July/early August) that the temps would be warm and muggy and that roundtrip airfare could be more expensive. Jim stated that when he went, his airfare was around \$500, versus \$900-1800 for round trip during the summer months. We should probably be looking to go during the winter market festivals.
- We will discuss more details with them on the 11.11 Skype schedule.
- Jim Muller motioned to look into changing the date to the Christmas holiday schedule. All in favor, Carries.

TPSC Büdingen Artwork Collection

- It is now displayed in the front of Village Hall at the entrance.
- The SCC commissioners can review on Saturday to move items around. Some pieces may also go into the case at Kallsen Center. Jim Muller built the hanging display and has received several comments on how nice of a job he did.

Mallow Sister City Update

- No new updates. They have not been responding to emails from either Michael or Jim. We will continue to reach out to them.

Prospective Sister City Updates

- Nowy Sącz, Poland Update
 - Nothing from the Mayor's Office, they had a new election in Poland and the new mayor has not responded to us. Rob will touch base with Mayor Vandenburg to reach out to them on the Mayor's behalf.
- Austin, TX Update
 - Nothing to update. Michael will forward the information to Marilyn. Michael said that given what their specs are, it does not appear to be promising. But we would like to possibly open dialog with them as to how they established 17 sister cities outside of the US.

-Look at other cities - Nashville, Memphis, NOLA; Marilyn will do initial research

Open Business

- Tinley Park's Oktoberfest:
 - What did we learn from it? We need some swag to give away, pocket calendars were suggested.
 - LED lighting for the booth/tent that is battery operated or solar
 - The U shape that the tents were set up worked well but it needed more lighting once it got dark.
 - Marilyn suggested use posters instead of using the original artwork so nothing gets damaged.
 - More planning (we had a quick turnaround) is needed for next year.
 - The Chamber will tie the Oktoberfest next year into the Büdingen visit (Michael will reconfirm this); weather and Music in the Plaza will come into play on the change of date; location may change, they may have double the space next year; longer turnaround time next year (this year was 6-8 weeks turnaround) for the Chamber to plan the event.
- Tinley Park Tree Sponsorship:
 - Jackie and Beth will be sending us information on the tree sponsorship in the next week or two.
 - We are still planning on adopting and decorating a tree.
- Christkindlmarket Chicago:
 - Still a green light, we will still have a table to sign in people (will be enforced and pre-registration is required); no RSVP's as of yet. Free brat or strudel at the market. Michael will use the 4 minutes at a Village Board meeting to make the announcement as well.
 - Lucas to reach out to Norm at the Oak Park Avenue train station to see if we can put up a poster; Roxane will look into designing a poster.
- Internship for Büdingen Student through Tinley Park Park District:
 - Confirmation that it is going well. Pizza party intro at Jim's went well, informal with student, teacher and host family and available commissioners. Erica is one of the teachers and co-chairs of the exchange program.
- TPSC Branding Logo and Tinley Park Sister Cities Promotional Materials
 - Michael is working with a graphic artist to mock up what he is looking for. He is also working with the Branding Commission on what we would like to design. There may be infringement issues with the brand trademark and what we would like to do.
 - Jim will play with calendar idea with photos from Mallow and Büdingen; he has the style guide.

- Kathy from the Branding Commission dropped by via request from Michael. Her husband went to Germany twice for business this year. She painted a rock, for the Kindness Rocks Project, to promote random acts of kindness and they were left there. (<http://thekindnessrocksproject.com/home>) - FB page TinleyRocks.

New Business

- Networking and Social Media Ideas and Guidelines:
 - Rob will check with Village to see if there are guidelines.

- St. Patricks' Day Parade 2018:
 - Nothing to report, keep on agenda. Sunday before St. Patrick's Day.

- Discover Tinley 2018:
 - Nothing to report, keep on agenda. Generally 2nd weekend in April.

Public Comments

- None.

Motion to adjourn. Hawley 1st, Bill 2nd. Adjournment at 8:32 p.m.