

## Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes November 18, 2015

### **Members Present-**

Chair: Laura Elster; Secretary: Roxane DeVos Tyssen; Commissioners: Jack Elster, Jeannie Kirshbaum, Peg Petrovich; Trustee Liaison Bernie Brady

### **Members Not Present-**

Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Lucas Hawley, Laura Albee Schroder

Chairman Laura Elster called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

September 2015 minutes were read and approved with changes, Laura first, Jack Second.

Introductions were made to our new commissioner Jeannie Kirshbaum.

Trustee Brady introduced himself. He and his wife, Angie, have hosted Büdingen visitors in the past and have assisted with other international guests of the Village. They travel extensively and he has a business in town. He is excited to be a part of the SCC as is his wife.

### Trustee Report

Trustee Brady informed the Commissioners of the goings-on in town.

- The Board approved a \$450,000 contract to a firm to develop a study to determine whether or not to purchase the old Tinley Park Mental Hospital property. The Village is aware that it cost around \$11m to clean up the property.
- A second firm has also been contracted to assist with a long-range plan for the development of the property.
- It should be noted that Trustees, Village staff, citizens, commissions, etc. will all have input into the development and implementation of both plans.
- Water meter litigation is on-going as is the red-light camera issue.

### Chair Report

- With regards to the pen-pal program, District 140 needs a teacher on their end in either English or History to commit to the program. The Germans are very interested in beginning to implement this. We had approached Ms. Roth, the principal at Prairie View but at this time she has no interest.
- International travel in general was discussed as it relates to security issues.

### New Business

- There is a potential new exchange student.
- Jack will contact the HR dept. at the Village with regards to us having a table or presence at the Christkindle Market.
- Jack passed out a rendition of the banner design for Commissioner approval. All were in favor. He will contact Dave Neimeyer for vendor information.

### Old Business

- Mallow - Peg has left messages but has not heard back from Christine Wiseman at St. Xavier College. She also informed the Commission that she has also not heard from anyone in Mallow. Peg will continue to try to reach out and follow-up at the next meeting.
- The exchange student Paul Hermann is doing well. He has made many friends here and is well liked. He will be doing a presentation for International Student Week to the school body.

### Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 8:33 p.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – December 16, 2015