

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Skype with Büdingen

Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

Recognize Commission members present:

Chairman Lucas Hawley; Commissioner/Secretary Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill and Jim Muller.

Guests:

Michael Hiss, Kristin A. Thirion - Tinley Park Village Clerk, Mr. Neusbaum - Teacher, Andrew High School

This is a scheduled Skype session between the Tinley Park Sister City Commission and our Sister City members in Büdingen, Germany.

Discussed:

The Büdingen 2018 visit. Lucas handed out the list of those who will be visiting that he received from Edda Degenhardt in Büdingen.

At this point there are no side trips planned on the part of the visitors (in the past some have wanted to go onto additional destinations such as Niagara Falls). We are looking at October 2nd - 14th, 2018 for the Germans to visit.

Erich Spamer, Bürgermeister of Büdingen, will meet with Mayor Vandenberg and Sieglinde Huxhorn-Engler on October 3rd (this is the only date that will work with all parties). At this point, there is no agenda for this meeting but to be discussed will be the overall relationship, specifically the expectations of each side, etc.

Per Edda, there are no restrictions on host families as far as accommodations. Single beds, double, small house or large, she stated that they would be happy to just spend time with us.

According to Mr. Neusbaum did mention that there will be a student exchange this year with them coming here, but they are unsure of the exact dates of their visit. We will be sure to keep in touch in the event we can coordinate some of the events together.

Some details of the 2018 visit were also discussed including Halloween festivities (Tinley or nearby?) that are going on during their stay. Once the guest list is firmed up, we will provide them with details of our ideas of what they can do while they are here. It was suggested that we do an informal survey to see who would like to do which activities we list or if they have ideas of their own.

Outing Ideas:

- Corn maze
- Architectural Tour
- Pizza party/reception
- Vogt Arts Center Tour (contact Julie Dekker personally)
- Police/Fire tour
- Tinley Park Brewery visits
- Downtown Tinley Pub Crawl

The art festival in July in Büdingen was also discussed. Any artist from Tinley Park who wishes to participate is invited. All costs incurred are at the individual's expense, however, the Commission is more than happy to work to arrange host family lodgings.

The Skype call ended but the Commissioners continued to discuss in further detail items brought up during the call and mentioned above.

Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.