

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

## Wednesday, April 18, 2018

7pm Kallsen Conference Center

Call to Order 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman Lucas Hawley; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Jim Muller. Village Liaison: Rob Zimmer. Absent: Associate Commissioner: Reta Brudd.

Previous Meeting Minutes were read.

- March 21, 2018 minutes were read. Motion to approve with stated corrections; Commissioner Muller 1st, Commissioner Bill 2nd. Minutes approved.

### **Sister City Updates**

#### Büdingen Sister City Update:

- 2018 Visitation from Büdingen Residents:
  - Lucas sent out emails to all of the churches on the list and made an effort to introduce himself and the Commission to any churches present at Discover Tinley. He received an email from Zion Lutheran today and Rob received an inquiry from St. George (a copy of this email is in the packet that was handed out).
  - Zion asked about a deadline on a commitment to host a family. The commission has decided that Monday, July 16, 2018 would be an adequate deadline.
  - St. George reached out to have something in their church bulletin. Lucas will put together an "ad" that they can use.
  - There are five groups of people, of all ages, that still need host families.
  - We had several people that were seriously interested in the Sister City Commission and possibly becoming a host family. Lucas has reached out to one specific couple and is waiting to hear from them.
  - Lucas will also reach out to the Mayor and the Trustees to see if anyone would be interested in hosting or recommending someone that they know who might be interested in hosting.
  - Lucas will send the commissioners an email next week, that will contain the text of what we are looking for.
- 2020 Visitation - Nothing to update.
- Lucas will reach out to Edda to schedule a Skype for sometime in May or June.

#### Mallow Sister City Update:

- Nothing to update overall.

- Lucas will reach out to John Paul O'Shea to schedule a Skype session with Mallow.

## **Prospective Sister City Updates**

### Nowy Sącz, Poland Update:

- The Memorandum of Understanding from the Trustees/Village of Tinley Park still needs to be signed. Rita will update the Commission on her findings with Sister Cities International on what else needs to be done.

## **Updates on Currently Open Business**

### TPSC Promotional Materials:

- Rob updated the commission on the status of the Facebook page and the pamphlet. The Facebook page will stay open due to the fact that the SCC keeps open lines of communication through social media including Facebook.
- Rob met with the Village Manager and Marketing last week and came to some consensus with regards to the pamphlet. This is the first commission to bring the issue to the table. A redesign was discussed.

### Cultural Exchange Program

- Mayor Vandenburg received an invitation from Büdingen inviting Village Officials and the Commissioners to their Culture Night, to be held July 12-16, 2018. If anyone is going to go, Rob will reach out to Burgermeister Erich Spammer to let him know and arrangements will be made on their end for guests.
- Lucas told Rob that there will be 19 students plus two teachers will be coming for the student exchange.
- Rob stated that we have budget approval for the purchase a new bus. He is speaking with the mechanic as to whether or not we will be able to utilize the new bus. We will likely need to rent a minivan or have a volunteer with a minivan to compensate for the overage. The determining factor will be the amount of seats on the new bus.

## **Upcoming Business**

- The June Sister Cities Commission meeting will be canceled as two of the commissioners will be absent and we will not have quorum. Roxane motioned to cancel the June meeting, Jim seconded. The June meeting will be canceled.
- The July meeting is being moved to Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Jim motioned to cancel the regular meeting on July 18, 2018 and have a special meeting on July 11, 2018, Marilyn second. The motion passed.

## **New Business:**

- The Commission is invited to the 2018 Annual Business Breakfast. Rob updated the commission on what this meeting is about. The meeting is being held on May 9th at 7:15 a.m.
- A copy of this year's budget was also distributed.

### **Public Comments**

- Lucas commented on Discover Tinley. It went very well. A lot of people mistook the maps of Mallow and Büdingen for a map of Tinley Park. It would be nice for the Village to supply attendees with a map of Tinley Park or as part of a welcome to Tinley Park promo piece.

Adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Jim first, Roxane second. Adjourned.