

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

7:00 p.m. Village Chambers

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Instructions were conveyed to all present with regards to COVID safety procedures.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Julie and Kurt Dekker, Lucas Hawley, Jim Muller, and George Rohde.

Staff Liaison: David Niemeyer

Absent: Commissioner Sarah Krause

Guests: Rob Zimmer and Michele Rons

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were reviewed and read from July 15, 2020. George Rohde made a motion to approve, Jim Muller seconded, all in favor. Motion passed, minutes from February 19, 2020 were approved.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Sieglinde Huxhorn Engler has reached out to the Commission via email with regards to a "monument" that will represent German-American friendships and in memory of the American soldiers who were stationed in Buedingen. They have asked us to reach out to Tinley Park artists who have designed Benches on the Avenue to submit drawings for benches that will be built in Buedingen. The benches will be located in the old barracks area. There should be no financial requirements on the part of the artists or the Village.

Discussions ensued about the request. The Commission is very supportive of the idea. It was decided that Roxane Tyssen will reach out to her and ask for more details on the benches: size, composition, etc. Once those are received, artists will be contacted. The benches there will be constructed for dedication in 2021.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is no update on Mallow.

We will reach out to Pat Carr to see if he can assist with relations.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- The Commissioners were provided with a rough draft of the resolution in English for their review.

Minor changes were requested to the wording. Roxane will make these changes and have a new copy to submit for final review at the next meeting.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan:

- Patrick Rea updated the Commission on Jordan and Aqaba. The Jordanian Embassy newsletter is being forward to the Commissioners along with any other information that we are receiving.

Once COVID travel restrictions are lifted, we will be expected to send a delegation there (at the travelers own expense) to create relations with Aqaba and formalize a Sister Cities relationship with them.

Canada:

- Roxane Tyssen stated that she has not heard from Cobourg. She will reach out to them again.

New and Upcoming Business:

- Sister Cities Commission Meeting Dates through the end of the year were discussed.
 - There are no changes to meeting dates as far as we know. This will be kept on the agenda to update the Commission on any changes that may arise.
 - Budget: The 2020 budget was discussed and copies of our budget were handed out to Commissioners.
- The Tinley Park Oktoberfest is canceled.
- The Tinley Park Holiday Market is still undecided.

Old Business:

- Associate Commissioner Update: The Village Board is expected to make the changes to our Commissioners in September 2020.
 - The Commission discussed changing Julie and Kurt Dekker to Associate Commissioners and making Rob Zimmer and Michele Rons Commissioners. A request for this will be sent by Chairman Patrick Rea to the Mayor for approval. George Rohde made a motion to remove Julie and Kurt Dekker from being Commissioners and to have them established as Associate Commissioners. George Rohde made a second motion to make Rob Zimmer and Michele Rons Commissioners instead of Associate Commissioners. After discussing this matter further, George made a formal motion to make Rob Zimmer a Commissioner and Julie Dekker an Associate Commissioner. Roxane Tyssen seconded, all were in favor. The motion passed. George made a motion to make Michele Rons a Commissioner and Kurt Dekker an Associate Commissioner. Roxane Tyssen seconded, all were in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Rea will make a formal request for this to the Mayor. Upon his approval, this will go to the Board for their approval.

Public comments:

- No public comments.

Adjourned:

- George Rohde to adjourn, Julie Dekker seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.