

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

7:07 p.m. Village Chambers

The May 26, 2021 meeting was held via conf. call and in-person in the Village Chamber.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll was called.

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Sarah Krause, Jim Muller, George Rohde, Michele Rons, and Rob Zimmer
- Staff Liaison: David Niemeyer
- Trustee Liaison: William Brady
- Absent: Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Rob Zimmer; Associate Commissioners Marilyn Bill and Julie and Kurt Dekker

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of April 21, 2021 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: George Rhode made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jim Muller seconded; All in favor. Motion to approve April 21, 2021 minutes passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Burgermeister Spammer sent the commission & Village of Tinley Park an email to thank us for their donation.
- The clean up, restorations, and repairs continue.
 - The main town area is mostly cleaned up but castle grounds are still being repaired;
 - The noble house of Büdingen is spending funds to repair the outer wall that was breached.
- The Commission has not had any artists contact us with regards to the Büdingen Bench Project, should anyone come forward we will put them in touch with our counterpart in Büdingen so they can work together.
- Total private donations came to around \$3800.00

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- A formal resolution to acknowledge the 20-year anniversary with Mallow was signed; a framed copy is ready to be sent off to Mallow along with some Village of Tinley Park swag; a more formal event will be planned when travel is open again; Roxane will manage the mailing.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- We are waiting to hear from Public Works as to when they can install the sign.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Given the current situation in the Middle East, we are on a wait and see as far as travel to Jordan;
- The Commissioners agree that we do still want to pursue this relationship.

Palestine, Bir Ziet:

- As with Aqaba, this is a wait and see to begin formal discussions but we are still interested in developing this relationship.
 - BirZiet did have damage from the conflict;
 - When we do go, appropriate security measures will be taken.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- A teleconference call is scheduled with the Village for next Monday, this will focus on municipal development, tourism efforts, and other economic items on the agenda that the Ambassador of Libya has;
- A sister city relationship will hopefully be discussed at a future point but the current program being outlined does not include this at the time being.

New and Upcoming Business:

- We have an open Commissioner position, recommendations are welcomed.

Old Business:

- None.

Public comments:

- No public was present.

Adjourned:

- Jim Muller motioned to adjourn, Roxane Tyssen seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.