

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, May 24, 2012

7:00 P.M.

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio, Jerry Pask, Marie Weibler, Richard Kamka,
Norman Leader, Elaine Jason, William Shanklin, David Gass

Commission Members Absent: Chaplain Scott Matheney

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:00 p.m.

2) **Review Minutes of Meeting of April 26, 2012**

Motion to approve by Jerry Pask and seconded by Marie Weibler. Minutes approved unanimously.

3) **Treasurer's Report**

Norman Leader delivered a written report of April 20, 2012 with a cash balance of \$3,014.73. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Richard Kamka and seconded by Jerry Pask. Report unanimously approved after comments by Chairman Pechanio regarding disbursements made necessary to provide required funds for the Memorial Service of Memorial Day due to underfunding of our City parade grant.

4) **Reports from Commission Members**

a) **Administration:**

Chairman Pechanio distributed copies of our 2012 Honor Guard schedule with June 10 reserved for Armin W. Puscheck, a WW II U.S. Navy veteran. Copies of the application form and press release were provided to Bill Shanklin and Elaine Jason for their use in preparing for the military service.

Ralph also reported on the receipt of an application for veteran Emmett Pearl, however, the contact who submitted the form said she couldn't attend a summer service and asked that we contact local parties by the names of Jennifer and Jason Hayes. Ralph asked the Commission members' help on locating these individuals. Secretary Jason said she was familiar with the parties and would attempt to locate an address and phone number so that Pearl could be scheduled this summer.

Ralph distributed a new city form to Commission member Dave Gass explaining that he (Ralph) just completed this form as both Dave's and Ralph's terms of duty expired

April 30. Dave completed the short form and Ralph thanked him for agreeing to serve another term.

b) **American Legion:**

William Shanklin reported that a new slate of officers is being recruited. He said the Post is making good progress in their planned activities, however overall membership is declining with the natural attrition of older members. Bill also reminded us that the Legion will again host a luncheon for Memorial Day participants following the Military Service at the Veterans Memorial.

c) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

Elaine Jason reported that she has agreed to serve again as President of the Auxiliary. She also reported on today's Poppy Day fund raiser with receipts looking good!

d) **VFW:**

Dave Gass reported that the Post which is located in Villa Park has a conflict with our Elmhurst activities due to a scheduled 11:00 a.m. program. However, Post 2801 will field an honor guard in both the Parade and at the Memorial Service. He will continue to work with Villa Park members to overcome these conflicts.

e) **VFW Auxiliary:**

Marie Weibler said she will represent the Villa Park Auxiliary at the Memorial Service.

f) **Clergy:** Rev. Scott Matheney absent. No report.

g) **Park District:** Jerry Pask deferred his report to our discussion of Memorial Day plans.

h) **School District:** Richard Kamka said he would also defer any comments to our Memorial Day discussion.

5) **Plans for Memorial Day Activities of Monday, May 28, 2012**

Ralph began the discussion by distributing the meeting notes of the Memorial Day planning committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 16. A detailed discussion followed and then Ralph distributed copies of the Memorial Day program for the Commission members' information and comments. Jerry Pask then distributed his final schematic draft of the Memorial grounds and a "new" checklist to insure that the Park District touches all the bases necessary to insure their part in the parade's conclusion at Wilder Park and the Military Service following. Ralph and the Commission members thanked him for his attention to our needs. All discussions were concluded.

6) **Other Business**

None.

8) **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was established as Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Pask, seconded by Dave Gass. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine Jason, Secretary