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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, October 23, 2014
7:05 P.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio, William Shanklin, David Gass, Jerry Pask,
Elaine Jason

Commission Members Absent: Chaplain Scott Matheney, Mark Mulliner, Marie Weibler,

Guests Present: None

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:05 p.m.

2) Approve Minutes of September 15, 2014

Motion to approve by Bill Shanklin and seconded by Jerry Pask. Minutes approved unanimously.

3) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mulliner was absent, no written report was available.

4) Reports from Commission Members

a) Administration:

Chairman Pechanio distributed the 2015 Honor Roll schedule for the members information and use. He also provided copies of the newspaper article with the particulars on York High School's invitation to Veterans Days events on November 8th and 11th. Chairman Pechanio said he will follow-up with York on the possible application of teacher Paul Tilton to replace our deceased member, Richard Kamka as District 205's representative to the Commission.

b) American Legion:

Bill Shanklin reported that the Legion Honor Guard is in great demand for Veterans Day events, with eight invitations pending. The Post will again host a patriotic concert, it will take place on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. Bill again said the Post is having financial difficulties and is frustrated with the City's failure to act on video gaming as all of our area veterans organizations are benefitting!

c) **VFW:**

Dave Glass informed the Commission that their post was the site of Illinois Governor Quinn's signing of a bill providing for veterans with permanent disabilities to have permanent disabled parking privileges. Dave also reported that they haven't yet begun offering concealed carry training, but it should be offered soon as another source of revenue. He also concurred with Bill Shanklin's comments on video gaming as the VFW has done very well as Villa Park has approved this form of revenue.

d) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

Elaine Jason reported that she and Marie Weibler have set-up the Honor Roll board at the Memorial with the Veterans Day particulars of November 11th at 10:30a.m. Elaine informed the members that she will complete her current term on the Commission, but would not serve beyond that. She then asked Chairman Pechanio what that date is and he provided copies of the Commission roster. Elaine's term runs until April 30, 2017. Other members offered corrections to the roster for Chairman Pechanio's action. The subject of Reverend Matheney's inaction to complete his renewal documents came up again and Chairman Pechanio said he will follow up one more time with Scott to clarify his intentions to continue on the Commission.

e) **VFW Auxiliary:**

Marie Weibler absent, no report.

f) **Clergy:**

Rev. Scott Matheney absent, no report.

g) **Park District:**

Jerry Pask said he would defer his comments to the Veterans Day planning discussion.

5) **Plans for Veterans Day Activities, Tuesday, November 11th**

Bill Shanklin distributed a draft of the Veterans Day program for review. Bill expects the program to run approximately one hour. He believes the Rifle Squad will be provided by the Elmhurst Police Department. The agenda will include Elmhurst College students and representatives as the College is initiating plans to advance veterans affairs. Jerry Pask distributed the Park's checklist and set-up schematic. He also confirmed the availability of the adjacent Wilder Mansion for restroom access and for emergency congregation if the weather dictates. Chairman Pechanio stated that as usual he will contact our local Elmhurst funeral homes to obtain the names of deceased Veterans since the Memorial Day reading.

6) Other Business

As a follow-up to the last meeting discussion of when the U.S. Flag at the Memorial should be flown at half-staff, it was concluded that the flag should only be flown at half-staff on Memorial Day and Veterans Day unless ordered by the President of the United States or by the Illinois State Governor. No exceptions!

7) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was established as Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall as usual.

8) Public Comment

No one spoke during public comment.

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Bill Shanklin, seconded by Jerry Pask. Meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Submitted by Elaine Jason, Secretary