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Minutes of Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2014
7:00 P.M.

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

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

Commission Members Absent: Chaplain Scott Matheney

Guests Present: None

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:10 p.m.

2) Approve Minutes of March 27, 2014

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

3) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mulliner arrived after Chairman Pechanio presented the written Treasurer's report and reported a balance of \$1,180.60 as of April 15, 2014. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Jerry Pask, seconded by Marie Weibler. Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

4) Reports from Commission Members

a) Administration:

Chairman Pechanio reported that requests were sent out to Commission members Elaine Jason, Marie Weibler, Jerry Pask, and Chaplain Scott Matheney regarding expiration/renewal of their service terms. Jerry Pask renewed his term by mail receipt of his updated application form. Elaine Jason turned in her application to Chairman Pechanio at the beginning of the meeting. Marie Weibler agreed to serve again, and will return her application as soon as possible by mail. Regarding Chaplain Matheney's status, Chairman Pechanio distributed a copy of a note sent to the Chaplain for his determination of his ability to continue to serve. Chaplain Matheney has not responded as he is probably away, so Chairman Pechanio will call him to

thank him for his past service and see if his current situation will allow him to continue on the Commission or if he would rather let his term expire due to other commitments.

Chairman Pechanio reported that we just received a Honor Roll application from Elizabeth Santieu, to honor her brother Daniel Santieu. Chairman Pechanio will write to her with the open dates following Memorial Day and also thank her for the generous \$200 contribution attached to the application.

b) **American Legion:**

Bill Shanklin reviewed the current activities at the Legion, and reported that the busy Memorial Day week's activity result in reducing the number of honor guards assigned to events. Bill reminded Alderman Mulliner of his request to ask Mayor Morley to move forward an ordinance that would allow not-for-profits, like the American Legion Post, to conduct regulated video gaming, as this source of revenue is needed for both our not-for-profits and the City of Elmhurst.

c) **VFW:**

Dave Glass reported the Post will be electing a new slate of officers for terms beginning in July 2014. He also said he is organizing a small color guard unit to represent the VFW in the Memorial Day Parade.

d) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

Elaine Jason said that, as usual, she and Marie Weibler, of the VFW Auxiliary, will be preparing the necessary Honor Roll boards for our Memorial Day needs. They will set up the boards at the Memorial's lighted box.

e) **VFW Auxiliary:**

Marie Weibler reported that the Auxiliary will also be electing new officers to begin terms in July.

f) **Clergy:**

Rev. Scott Matheney absent. No report.

g) **Park District:** Jerry Pask reported that all is ready for the grand opening of the new conservatory in Wilder Park on April 27th. Landscaping and re-striping of the adjacent lots has been completed. Flowers won't be planted around the Veterans Memorial until about May 5th due to the cool weather.

5) **Review 2014 Memorial Day Planning in Progress**

Bill Shanklin reported on our program, that was somewhat abbreviated due to cold/rainy weather. The program went well, however, the crowd was smaller due to weather conditions. The collection helmet was in place, as planned, and about \$300 was collected for the Veteran's Memorial Fund through Ralph Pechanio's appeal.

6) **Other Business, Next Meeting Date**

No Other Business.

The next meeting date was established as Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

7) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dave Gass, seconded by Bill Shanklin. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine Jason, Secretary