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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, October 27, 2016
7:00 P.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio, William Shanklin, Paul Tilton, Brad Anderson, Marie Weibler, and Rev. Stanley Harding.

Commission Members Absent: Mark Mulliner and David Gass

Guests Present: Rosemary Draine, American Legion Post 187 Auxiliary Member, Pending commission member.

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:02 p.m.

2) Approve Minutes of September 22, 2016

Motion to approve by Bill Shanklin and seconded by Brad Anderson. Minutes approved unanimously.

3) Treasurer's Report

No report as Treasurer absent and no written report were available

4) Reports from Commission Members

a) Administration:

Chairman Pechanio reported that the application by prospective commission member Rosemary Draine of the American Legion Post 187 Auxiliary is not yet on file for approval by the Elmhurst City Council. However, she provided her application before our meeting and it will be delivered to Ellen Cyprian for processing. Also Ralph said that he is providing a renewal application form to member David Gass who is absent.

Ralph informed the members that he received an email from Matt Moran of York High School inviting all Veterans to attend Veterans Day programs at the School: A continental breakfast in the Yorker Room at 7:45 a.m. followed by an assembly at 8:00am in the field house. In addition, a breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 12 from 9-11 a.m. Veterans should RSVP to mmoran@elmhurst205.org.

b) American Legion:

Bill Shanklin reported on the improved financial condition of the Post. He thanked the

city for their support of the successful Military Ball and the upcoming Thanksgiving Day program to be held for Great Lakes Navy recruits. The Legion has received \$31,000.00 of their 1st Annual \$50,000 City grant. Operations of the Post bar and banquet rentals have improved.

Ralph asked Bill to inform the members on his initial review of possible changes in our Honor Guard program at the Memorial. Bill responded that he has discussed possible changes with fellow Honor Guard participants and while future changes are necessary that we should proceed in 2017 with offering Sunday services in June, July, and August. Further discussions will take place to determine what changes are necessary so that services can continue in a suitable fashion. Ralph confirmed that the 2017 summer schedule shouldn't be heavy and that he will coordinate the reservations with Bill so that any services can be held in a convenient manor.

c) **VFW:**

David Gass – Absent, no report; however, he will represent the VFW at the Veterans Day Service held at the Memorial.

d) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

Rosemary Draine reported as the prospective member representing the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will be hosting a Chili Fest fundraiser on November 12. As Auxiliary President she is working with a committee to expand community involvement with the goal of enhancing their membership.

e) **VFW Auxiliary:**

Marie Weibler reported that their membership is doing very well as use of their gun range requires membership in the VFW or the Auxiliary. Also, video gaming has increased Post's business and increased the potential for new members.

f) **Clergy:**

Rev. Stanley Harding, no report however he will be attending our Veterans Day Service and providing the benediction.

g) **Park District:**

Brad Anderson reported that he is following up on the proposal by Jerry Christopherson of Patriots Care to set up a U.S. Flag display in Wilder Park on Memorial Day Weekend 2017. He will coordinate thru our Memorial Day Parade committee.

h) **School District:**

Paul Tilton has requested the York High School Key Club participation in placing flags at the Veterans section at the Elm Lawn Cemetery, however at this time the manager of Elm Lawn has not responded for their activity to be scheduled on Saturday, November 5. (Participation was confirmed to Paul the day following our meeting.)

- 5) **Plans for Veterans Day Activities - Friday, November 11, 2016.**
Ralph asked Bill Shanklin for his update on our Veterans Day Service. Bill distributed his outline of the service to be held at the Veterans Memorial. The service is to begin at 10:30 a.m. as usual. The program was discussed and approved as presented. Bill directed Ralph to provide a \$120 honorarium to our bagpiper Brian Costello (Ralph requested the payment to be mailed to Mr. Costello) Brad Anderson, our Park District representative, will look after our assembly needs and will arrange for our use of the Wilder Mansion in case of inclement weather. Ralph thanked Bill and Brad for their assistance as usual.

- 6) **Other Business**
None

- 7) **Public Comment**
None except as noted for yet to be confirmed American Legion Auxiliary representative Rosemary Draine.

- 8) **Next Meeting Date**
The next commission meeting will be held on Thursday, 7pm, March 23, 2017.

- 9) **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn by Marie Weibler, seconded by Paul Tilton. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Submitted by Ralph Pechanio, Chairman