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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, October 26, 2017
7:00 P.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio, William Shanklin, Rosemary Draine, David Gass, Marie Weibler, Mike Monell, and Paul Tilton

Commission Members Absent: Mark Mulliner and Rev. Stanley Harding

Guests Present: None

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:12 p.m.

2) Review Minutes of September 28, 2017

Motion to approve was made by Rosemary Draine, seconded by David Gass. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote with a correction to the spelling of last name for Peggy Krihac, American Legion Auxiliary President.

3) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer absent, no written report was available.

4) Reports from Commission Members

a) Administration:

Chairman Ralph Pechanio distributed the 2018 Honor Guard Schedule form for our use next year. He reported that York High School is having their annual Veterans Day assembly on Friday, November 10 at 8:00 a.m, with a continental breakfast in the Yorker Room at 7:15 a.m for veterans and those who are participating in their program. All Veterans are invited and can contact via e-mail mattmoran@elmhurst205.org to RSVP.

b) American Legion:

Bill Shanklin reported that the Legion Hall Normandy room renovation by Home Depot is underway, work will be completed in time for their 2nd Annual Military Ball to be held Veterans Day, November 11 beginning at 6 p.m with dinner served at 7pm. Invitations have been mailed and this year U.S. Army colonel Mark Mallon is running the event. He thanked home Depot for their contribution to the Post, which has been expanded to include landscaping and work to be done in the bar and grill.

The Post will again be hosting Great Lakes Navy recruits on Thanksgiving Day, providing bus transportation and a full day of recreation and food.

Bill asked Paul Tilton if Jerry Christopherson of True Patriots Care could supply military branch service flags to place at the Legion for the arrival of the Great Lakes recruits. A discussion followed, with Ralph expressing his surprise that the Post didn't have a set of service flags for this use. It was determined that if practical, we should purchase a set that can also be used at military events that we host on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and other occasions at the Veterans Memorial. Bill added that Elmhurst College is conducting a concert at noon on Veterans Day at the Hammerschmidt Chapel for all veterans and the public.

c) **V.F.W:**

Dave Gass reported that their Post will also be hosting a bus load of Navy recruits on Thanksgiving Day. He continues to encourage their members to participate in our "Elmhurst" events and is in the process of identifying new VFW members who reside in Elmhurst to support activities of our Veterans Memorial and at Elm Lawn cemetery.

d) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

Rosemary Draine reported that nothing major has happened since our last meeting, however they continue with usual bake sales fund raisers. They will be supporting both the Military Ball and the Thanksgiving Day activities with contributions and decorations.

e) **V.F.W Auxiliary: :**

Marie Weibler said that she has been very busy representing the VFW as District President, visiting Posts Throughout northern Illinois. The post is conducting "Voices of America" programs and will sponsor "Wreaths Across America" for decorating the graves of veterans.

f) **Clergy:**

Rev. Stanley Harding, absent. No report.

g) **Park District:**

Mike Monell reported that he put to use our flag pole key, and took care of our Memorial flag in response to the Las Vegas mass shooting order to lower the U.S Flag to half staff. He said the Park District receives authorized instructions when such orders are given by the President or Governor. Ralph thanked him for meeting this responsibility at the Veterans Memorial.

h) **School District:**

Paul Tilton said that he will be at the York High School Veterans Day Assembly presenting the Colors. Bill Shanklin will be acting as M.C. this year. Regarding our Veterans Day Service on November 11, Paul said he is coordinating with Jerry Christopherson for the

set up of a U.S. flag display around the circle drive at the Memorial. Paul is also arranging for help with this set up by the Elmhurst Kiwanis "KEY" Club of York High. After some discussion it was determined that Paul should set up a meeting at the memorial for Jerry, Bill, Ralph, and himself to make sure that the flags can be set up safely. Mike Monell, will call "Julie" to have the area approved for the necessary stakes and will attend with us on behalf of the Park District. Ralph thanked Paul and Mike for their assistance in this first time occurrence.

Paul also informed us that in addition to the usual trumpeters and drummer that play for us on Veterans Day that Mike Pavlik of York said he would like to provide a brass quintet to play patriotic music before and after our service. Our members agreed this would be a great addition, and authorized a stipend of \$20 for each of the musicians.

5) **Final Plans for Veterans Day Activities – Saturday, November 11, 2017**

Bill Shanklin distributed his draft of the Veterans Day services program. He noted that Jeff Agonath of the Vietnow organization can't be with us this year, but will be providing his usual honorary display. Bill explained how we will be incorporating the retirement of the U.S. flag flown since October 22 for Larry D. Boys. Mrs. Boys will receive the flag as we do at our deceased veterans services. Following this presentation Bill will call upon Ralph to explain to those assembled that we conduct these services at the request of deceased veterans families on Sundays during the summer as arranged.

Bill reviewed the draft program noting that Rev. Harding will deliver the benediction and that Hal Cahill of Spirito! will be leading us in the National Anthem. Elmhurst College students will again be participating with remarks about Veterans Day.

Mike Monell distributed the Parks set up sheet for review. Paul Tilton suggested where to place the seven York musicians. Ralph thanked Mike for the Park's usual contribution to our Veterans Day Service

6) **Other Business**

None

7) **Public Comment**

None

8) **Next Meeting Date**

The next commission meeting will be held on Thursday, 7pm, March 22, 2018.

9) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by David Gass, seconded by Marie Weibler. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Rosemary L. Draine, Secretary