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**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, April 26, 2018**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio, David Gass, Mark Mulliner, Paul Tilton, Rosemary Draine, Bill Shanklin, and Rev Stanley Harding

Commission Members Absent: Mike Monell

Guests Present: Anne Scheppele Substitute for co-worker Mike Monell of the Elmhurst Park District

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:03 p.m.

**2) Review Minutes of March 22, 2018**

Motion to approve was made by Mark Mulliner, seconded by David Gass.

Minutes were approved by unanimous vote with corrections to the last name of Rosemary Draine with an "e".

**3) Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mulliner present but no written report was available. The usual report will be presented at our next meeting.

**4) Reports from Commission Members**

**a) Administration:**

Ralph Pechanio reported that he didn't have any correspondence to report. He did distribute a Commission name badge to Paul Tilton as well as City of Elmhurst mementos to Paul, Rev. Harding, and to Dave Gass for Marie Weibler's husband.

**b) American Legion:**

Bill Shanklin informed the members that the Legion's grant of \$30,000 which the City budgeted for has been held up by the Public Affairs and Safety committee. He anticipates that any issues will be resolved shortly by the committee.

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

Dave Gass reported that he has had discussions with the VFW's Auxiliary President

regarding the need for a replacement to fill their commission vacancy due to the death of Marie Weibler. He has also requested members to join us in our Honor Guard duties.

d) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

Rosemary Draine, as Poppy Day Chair, updated the members on their fundraising efforts. In person collections will begin on May 24<sup>th</sup>, solicitations will be in the mail shortly.

Rosemary will prepare a suitable Honor Roll message for our Memorial Day observance.

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

Position vacant, no report.

f) **Clergy:**

Rev. Stanley Harding passed, reserving any comments for our discussion of Memorial Day plans.

g) **Park District:**

Anne Scheppele, attending for co-worker Mike Monell reserved any remarks for our Memorial Day discussion to follow.

h) **School District:**

Paul Tilton said that he has contacted the Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst York High Key Club to provide volunteers for the True Patriots Care 1620 U.S Flag display at Wilder Park. Jerry Christopherson will be supervising the set up beginning Thursday, May 24. The POW/MIA display will be in place until Tuesday, May 29. Paul is also making arrangements for the usual participation of York High musicians at the Post Parade Military Service on Memorial Day.

5) **Plans for Memorial Day Activities of Monday, May 28, 2018**

Ralph, who co-chairs the Activities with John Quigley of the Elmhurst Chamber distributed the current draft of the Parade Line-Up for discussion. A detailed discussion followed with Ralph describing outstanding issues. Ralph verified Military representatives with Bill Shanklin who will provide final participants information so that correspondence can be provided to them and their drivers. Mark Mulliner told Ralph that he will contact the principal of Wilkins Mazda and Hyundai as they haven't responded to requests for their Parade participation.

A flyover by the Lima Lima Air group has been arranged by Tony Cuzzone of the City. Additional Musical groups will hopefully be confirmed soon. The Elmhurst College Jazz Band will not be in the Parade. Ralph still hopes for 100 units to mark our 100<sup>th</sup> Parade!

The discussion of our Post Parade Military service and other activities of the Veterans Memorial was handed off to Bill Shanklin. Bill distributed his current Ceremony Outline. Bill noted that American Legion Post Commander John Scudder will pay tribute to the post's T.H.B designation.

As discussed last month Ralph presented a plaque he ordered to honor our deceased member Marie Weibler. The plaque will be given to Marie's husband in a special recognition by David Gass of Marie's VFW Post 2801 after our Memorial Day prayer.

Discussions followed with Bill asking Rev Harding if he would prepare a closing benediction that will pay particular attention to remembering those that served and lost their lives.

Other matters were discussed to ensure the smooth logistics of our efforts paying attention to the important cooperation of the Elmhurst Park District and our various required volunteers. A final printed program will be distributed at our final Memorial Day meeting.

6) **Other Business**

None

7) **Public Comment**

None

8) **Next Meeting Date**

The next commission meeting will be held on Thursday, 7pm, May 24th, 2018.

9) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mark Mulliner, seconded by David Gass. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Submitted by Rosemary L. Draine, Secretary