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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, March 28, 2019
7:00 P.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio, Bill Shanklin, Dave Gass, Paul Tilton, and Rev. Stanley Harding

Commission Members Absent: Mike Monell and Alderman Mark Mulliner

Guests Present: None

1) Call to Order

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

2) Review Minutes of October 25, 2018

Motion to approve was made by Bill Shanklin, seconded by Dave Gass. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mark Mulliner absent. No written report was obtained

4) Reports from Commission Members

a) Administration:

Chairman Ralph Pechanio informed the Commissioners that Rosemary Draine has tendered her resignation as of today. Rosemary has moved her Legion Auxiliary membership to Lisle as she plans to relocate there. The T.H.B Post 187 Auxiliary has nominated Elizabeth Fonzone to fill the vacancy. Ralph distributed the correspondence received from the Auxiliary pertaining to this change and Rosemary's letter of resignation as well as his letter of thank you acknowledging the resignation. The resignation and acknowledgment will be provided to the City. As Ralph didn't have Ms. Fonzone's address he provided the required application form to Bill Shanklin of the Legion who will see that she proceeds with her application process.

Regarding 2019 Honor Roll services, Ralph informed the members that no requests have been received as of now. Ralph reminded Bill that the Legion should change the Honor Roll signage so as to inform the public that applications to honor a deceased veteran are available at City Hall. Bill will visit with the members of the Auxiliary to see that this is

done as Rosemary would have been seeing to this. Bill will report back to Ralph if there are any issues.

b) **American Legion:**

Bill Shanklin reported on the Post's plans for the celebration of their 100th Anniversary. The Boy Scout Troop from Immanuel Lutheran Church is meeting at the Post and will be assisting our Honor Guard members for services at the Memorial. Activity at the Post has picked up and finances are in better condition.

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

Dave Gass reported that the Post has a new commander, Sam Maggio. Dave has not been able to find an Auxiliary member to represent them on our Commission. He will keep us posted on new developments.

d) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

No report as position is vacant due to the resignation today of Rosemary Draine.

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

No report as position remains vacant.

f) **Clergy:**

Rev. Harding offered to promote our Honor Roll Services through his network of Elmhurst churches. He will explain services will be available between Memorial Day and Labor Day on a limited basis.

g) **Park District:**

Absent, no report.

h) **School District:**

Paul Tilton reported on the behalf of Jerry Christopherson of True Patriots Care regarding his plans for our Memorial Day activities in Wilder Park. He plans to exhibit over 450 U.S. Flags to honor all the Illinois service men and women who were killed since September 11, 2001. The Kiwanis club of Elmhurst York High Key Club will assist in setting up the flags with anticipated help of the Elmhurst Police and Fire member volunteers.

5) **Review of Veterans Day Activities of Sunday, November 11, 2018.**

Bill Shanklin reported that the program at the Veterans Memorial went well, we had good weather for our outside service and good attendance. Bill was pleased with how everything went particularly with the addition of members from the West Town Chorus who provided patriotic music.

6) **Plans for Memorial Day Activities of Monday, May 27, 2019**

Ralph presented a draft of the Memorial Day Parade Line-up for discussion. Discussion followed. A more complete version will be presented at our next meeting.

Bill distributed his first version of the Military Ceremony to be conducted immediately following the Parade. He will provide an updated version at our next meeting. A brief discussion followed.

7) **Other Business**

None

8) **Public Comment**

None. No guests present.

9) **Next Meeting Date**

The next commission meeting will be held on Thursday, 7pm, April 25, 2019.

9) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Bill Shanklin, seconded by Rev. Harding. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Submitted by Ralph Pechanio, Chairman