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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, September 26, 2019
7:00 P.M.
VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

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Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio, Mike Monell, Paul Tilton, Alderman Mark Mulliner, and Rev. Stanley Harding

Commission Members Absent: Bill Shanklin

Guests Present: None

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:05 p.m.

2) Review Minutes of May 23, 2019

Motion to approve was made by Paul Tilton, seconded by Rev. Harding.
Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer present, but no report available.

4) Reports from Commission Members

a) Administration:

Chairman Ralph Pechanio reported that we only honored one particular veteran Scott T. Corwin, U.S. Army on June 2 and concluded our 2019 season by honoring all the deceased members of our Elmhurst American Legion Post T.H. '87 on September 8 in recognition of the Posts 100 Anniversary year. A scheduled of available dates will be prepared for the 2020 season to be distributed at our next meeting.

b) American Legion:

Bill Shanklin, absent. However Legion activities were reported as follows: Paul Tilton related that the Veterans Administration held an event at the Villa Park VFW Hall to honor 200 veterans who have recovered from cancer treatments at Hines hospital. The VFW couldn't muster a color guard, so our Legion handled those duties. Mark Mulliner reported that scouts who have moved from Immanuel Lutheran School to the American Legion Post as their new home completed a beautiful landscaping project at the front of

the Legion building. Finally and most importantly Ralph said he had a conversation with Bill regarding our inability to fill the American Legion Auxiliary's vacant position and that he would like us to consider replacing them with the sons of the American Legion. We will discuss this next month.

c) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

No report as position is vacant.

d) **Clergy:**

Rev. Harding, No report. However he related two personal stories: His sister a retired Navy Captain of 36 years' service who has come home to Illinois for cancer treatments; and his clergy mentor, whose first career was as a career Air Force pilot, who then went to the seminary has died in Iowa.

e) **Park District:**

Mike Monell reported on a special project at the Veteran Memorial headed by Briana Hansen of Playit Forward Kids, who placed potted plants on the floor of the Memorial, the Park tended to them for the summer.

f) **School District:**

Paul Tilton said that he has been in contact with the music department at York and they will, of course, provide drummers and buglers for our Veterans Day service. He anticipates that Jerry Christopherson will be setting up flags around the Memorial Circle as in the past.

5) **Review Activities of Memorial Day Activities of Monday, May 27, 2019**

Ralph Pechanio, who co-chairs the Parade with John Quigley of the Elmhurst Chamber on behalf of the city and American Legion, reported that all went well as planned we had great appreciative crowds and good weather for the parade and part parade military service. We were fortunate s that record rain storms hit about one half hour after the festivities wrapped up! Ralph added that he and John look forward to next year and that Elmhurst Vietnam Veteran Kevin Calkins has accepted our invitation to be the 2020 Parade Grand Marshal.

6) **Initial Plans for Monday, November 11, 2019 Veteran's Day**

In Bill Shanklins, absence, Ralph reported that Bill will have his program outline for us at our next meeting. Mike Monell added that he will be assisting Jerry Christopherson with the flags setup and that he has arranged for the Wilder Mansion to be available in case of bad weather as our back up facility. Mike will bring his schematic of the Memorial grounds for our October meeting.

7) **Other Business**

None. No guests present.

8) **Next Meeting Date**

The next commission meeting will be held on Thursday, 7pm, October 24, 2019.

9) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mike Monell, seconded by Paul Tilton. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Ralph Pechanio, Chairman