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**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, October 24, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

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

Commission Members Absent: Alderman Mark Mulliner

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 September 26, 2019**

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

**3) Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer absent, however written report presented a balance of \$3,000.37 as of October 18, 2019.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Paul Tilton, seconded by Mike Monell.  
The Treasurer's Report was approved by unanimous vote.

**4) Reports from Commission Members**

**a) Administration:**

Chairman Ralph Pechanio reported distributed copies of our current Commission roster information and our 2020 Honor Guard schedule of Sunday dates available for June, July and August.

He also distributed a copy of his note to the City Manager, James Grabowski regarding previous discussions on the removal of the Villa Park VFW Post from representation on our commission and the substitution of the Sons of the American Legion, THB Post 187 for their Auxiliary members. Manager Grabowski has turned these changes over to Alderman Danee Polumsky's Committee, Public Affairs and Safety for their action. A discussion followed.

Ralph informed the members of our School District plans for Veterans Day: York High School contact, Matt Moran, phone 630-617-2400 Extension 7285, [mmoran@elmhurst205.org](mailto:mmoran@elmhurst205.org) is the contact for Veterans and Families Breakfast at York High School on Saturday, November 9, from, 9:00 am to 11:00 am. An assembly will be held on Veterans Day, November 11 at 8:00 am to 9:00 am in the gym, preceded by a Veterans Breakfast at 7:15 am, York Commons; and Churchville Middle School, 155 Victory Parkway has been designated as National Veterans Day Regional Site and as such is sponsoring a lunch at 1:00 pm for Veterans with a program to begin at 2:00 pm. Contact RSVP Peter Richey [prichey@elmhurst205.org](mailto:prichey@elmhurst205.org), phone 630-940-7477.

In addition, Elmhurst College will be conducting a Veterans Day Symphony Orchestra Concert in Hammerschmidt Chapel following the Veterans Day Service at the Memorial.

b) **American Legion:**

Bill Shanklin brought to our attention that the President has signed an order that allows all Veterans honorably discharged to be eligible to join the American Legion. The Legion will actively pursue newly eligible Veterans.

Bill reported on the Annual Military Ball, while a nice event attendance was down to 110 people from 135 last year. The event will be reviewed for next year and will go back to a Veterans Day time frame.

c) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

No report as position is vacant.

d) **Clergy:**

Rev. Harding reported that Immanuel Lutheran School has a new principal who has not renewed their attention to Veterans Day activities that have been observed in the past.

e) **Park District:**

Mike Monell noted the Park District's Vision 2020 plans and they hoped for a purchase of a large 16 acre site that will require a referendum in the spring.

f) **School District:**

Paul Tilton reported on his participation coordinating activities planned for Veterans Day at York High School.

- 5) **Plans for Veterans Day Activities:** Bill Shanklin distributed copies of his Veterans Day Program draft. He called attention to participation of Elmhurst College Students. Reflections on Veterans Day.

Ralph will call our local funeral homes for the names of deceased Veterans since our

Memorial Day reading. Bill will provide the Legions list to the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce who consolidates the listings.

6) **Other Business**

Mike Monell informed us that he is resigning from the Elmhurst Park District and taking a position at Elk Grove Village.

He will coordinate a replacement for his position on our commission. The members thanked Mike for his outstanding service and wished him well.

Ralph reported that tomorrow night, October 25 that he will be accepting Elmhurst Colleges Prestigious Founders Medal.

Adding that the award certainly reflects upon his service to the Veterans Memorial Commission as chairman and his role as an organizer in the Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade.

7) **Next Meeting Date**

The next commission meeting will be held on Thursday, 7pm, March 20, 2020.

8) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Bill Shanklin, seconded by Mike Monell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Ralph Pechanio, Chairman