

11 October 2014 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Quorum/ in attendance: Dale Flach, Larry Kania, Chris Lashley, Marilyn Neumeyer, Ken Oesterle, Lauren O'Neill, David Seger, Diane Wickline, Trustee Brian Wells.

Location: The meeting was held at the Swansea Norman Lehr Center

Timing: In the absence of Mike Koeneman, the Park Board President, Larry Kania opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 7:05 am. It was closed at 7:45 am, with a motion by Ken Oesterle, second by Chris Lashley, and all in favor. The discussion involved the following:

Approval of 9 August 2014 Minutes: in a motion by Marilyn Neumeyer, second by Diane Wickline, and support of all present.

Trail Guidelines Draft: The review elicited the following comments: People use the trail for transportation so hours should be left off the guidelines. Potential issues with "no firearms allowed" with conceal carry laws applying to someone using the trails. Consumption of alcohol being prohibited, does not disallow carrying alcohol on the trail. Non-emergency police numbers should be included, and non-applicable numbers removed. The location of St. Clair Transit call boxes should be identified.

Santa House: Chris Lashley indicated the Rotary would help with volunteers. Marilyn Neumeyer will email a schedule and bring it to meetings, and operations will begin the 6th and 7th of December and run three weeks. There are enough gifts, ornaments, and decorations, but an additional printer and some multicolored exterior bulbs would be helpful. Suggestions are welcome. David Seger said he would look into options for operation times to be put on the "Santa is In" sign. Putting a "Santa is Coming" article in the Swansea Report was reviewed.

Memorial Day Ceremony: Marilyn Neumeyer requested help identifying a speaker, minister, and music. Continuing to have the same Boy Scout Troop help with the event would be helpful.

The Swansea Thompson Center will allow St. Clair County Office on Aging Dances with no facility rental only a refundable security deposit: in a motion by Marilyn Neumeyer, second by Diane Wickline, and support of all present the motion passed.

Committee Reports: None were heard.

New/Unfinished Business: (1) On 18 October 2014 a hayride with Larry Kania as the tractor driver and the Wells' hosting the event from the Patriot's fundraiser, and all in attendance bring their own beverages. The Bank of Edwardsville having provided funds for food in prior years was mentioned. (2) On 25 October 2014 the Rotary fundraiser hayride will be held with the Rotary coordinating food/beverages. (3) Summer park help having been disbanded for the season and a diseased rose bush in need of removal were reviewed. (4) The request to use the Schranz Park band shell from noon to 4 pm on 2 May 2015 for wedding pictures without charge was made in a motion by Diane Wickline, seconded by Chris Lashley, and supported by all present.

Public Comment: The following were reviewed: (1) the 10 October 2014 Fire Department party. (2) The 8 November 2014 1984-themed Patriot's trivia fundraiser at CKL of I and auction items needed.

Minutes Recorded by Lauren O'Neill