

14 Mar 2015 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: John Budde Jim Beimfohr Dale Flach Mike Koeneman Larry Kania
Marilyn Neumeyer Ken Oesterle Lauren O'Neil David Seger Diane Wickline

President Mike Koeneman opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 am, followed by discussion of Agenda items:

Approval of 14 Feb 2015 Minutes: motion by Ken, second by Marilyn, to approve minutes. Motion passed.

Dog Park: Larry gathered information on Swansea, Belleville and Shiloh dog parks. Swansea has a three dog per owner limit. Fees are \$25 first dog, \$10 each for second and third dogs; using coupon from Swansea Report lowers fees to \$10 first dog and \$5 each for second and third dogs. Fees for non-residents are double that of resident fees.

Belleville also has a three dog limit. Fees for residents are \$24, \$36, and \$48; non-residents pay \$48, \$60 and \$72. Larry was told 500 dogs use the dog park.

Shiloh has no fees and no rules.

After discussion regarding lowering or increasing fees or changing rules, Lauren made motion, second by Dave, to leave fees and regulations as they are. Motion passed.

Sports Fields: our sports fields are used primarily by Swansea teams and always filled.

Autism Auction Benefit: The Autism program at Franklin Elementary School is requesting free building rental for their event. These children are from very low income families; the program provides meals, snacks, clothing and hygiene products as well as learning tools. Autistic children from Swansea would attend Franklin School's program. Motion by Marilyn, second by Ken, to allow rent-free use of the building. Motion passed.

Any items donated to the silent auction will be very much appreciated. Auction will take place on April 18th.

Memorial Day Program: Color Guard from Scott AFB. Chorale singers from Westview Baptist Church. John will coordinate chairs and pavilion and speakers' podium, etc. as he has done every year. Dave and Dale offered to take care of grilling. Boy Scouts will place the flags again this year. Deacon Art Hampton, from Holy Trinity Church, will be our Chaplain and Main Speaker. We need a group microphone for singers. Notices will be put in the BND and Holy Trinity church bulletin.

Unfinished Business:

Marilyn gave highlights of our Camelot Auction. This year it will be held in October at the Moose. More information as the plans progress.

Splash pad: things will remain the same for this season. The need for increasing rental fees, splash pad monitors, regulating use by groups and where they come from, were brought up. These issues would have to be included in FY2016 budget before any action could be taken. Mike and John will meet with O'Fallon personnel to see how they implement their splash pad and get back with us after summer.

Donating Park Board hayride is tabled until Marilyn gets sponsor for food.

General Discussion: Ken proposed increasing number of Park Board members. This is a matter to discuss with the Mayor.

There being no further business, motion by Jim, second by Ken, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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