

20 June 2015 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Jim Beimfohr Mike Koeneman Diane Wickline

Village Liaisons: John Budde Marilyn Neumeyer

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

Approval of 9 May 2015 Minutes: motion by Jim, second by Diane, to approve minutes. Motion passed.

St Clair County Parks Grant: This grant can award up to 100% of \$30,000 without any matching funds. Submission is due at end of July. Funds are to be used to improve safety, additional playground equipment, pavilions, etc. John will bring prices for these projects, concentrating on playground equipment to July meeting.

July 2nd Addition to Minutes: To meet submission deadline, Mike contacted Jim and Diane by phone to decide on which project to request. All agreed on playground equipment at Schranz Park.

Large Groups at Splash Pad: Village Board has started process for charging and controlling out-side groups' use of splash pad. Currently, there is no process for large groups, resident or non-resident, to reserve the splash pad. There have been many complaints by Swansea residents of bringing their children to the splash pad and finding it crowded with children from, most often, day care groups. This is an on-going problem and Park Board has discussed this at several past meetings. Use of annual rate for out-side groups as well as daily permits, limiting hours of use and number of children was discussed. Jim will get information from the O'Fallon Park Board on their management of the splash pad. We will have a plan to present by August meeting.

Memorial Day Program: Marilyn reported that the ceremony was well represented by veterans of all services. Our Master of Ceremony and Guest Speaker both brought unique perspectives of their service. The 127 ARW Honor Guard brought solemn dignity and the Westview Baptist Chorale uplifted us. It was great to see the comradery of the vets after the ceremony for picture taking and visiting. It was a very good ceremony.

Other Committee Reports: None.

New Business: A Rotary Club member has not been appointed to this year's Park Board.

Fall Clean-up. John suggested we choose an area for pruning or mulching in early October. Volunteers could be called on to help.

Unfinished Business: Mike will recommend a three-day wedding rental package to the Village Board.

Santa House. Marilyn requested a new Santa belt. The one in use is badly worn and can't be rehabbed any more. Concept Shoes can make a new one when they get a piece of leather long enough. The storage boxes need to be varnished. More advertising and permanent trailers for the Santa House and Chamber arrow signs.

General Discussion and Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, motion by Jim, second by Diane, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline