

12 Sep 2015 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Jim Beimfohr David McGhee Mike Koeneman Diane Wickline

Village Liaisons: John Budde Marilyn Neumeyer

Guests: Paula Brandkamp David Chevess (Rotary Jamie Fryman

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

Approval of 8 Aug 2015 Minutes: motion by Jim, second by Dave, to approve minutes. Motion passed.

John Budde: Swansea received \$27,000 from St Clair County Parks grant. Focus for greater portion of grant is toddler side of the Kingdom. Other projects will also be funded.

Mike gave some history of our parks and how some improvements, as new play equipment, came about. Marilyn talked about role Patriots organization played in growing our parks and the amount of money Patriots have raised over the years.

Future Hay Rides: Mike explained that every year we donate hay rides to organizations benefitting our parks at a fund raising event. The hay ride goes to the highest bidder. The Park Board provides chili and non-alcoholic beverages, campfire, hay ride, party set up and clean up. Our smaller board limits finances available to fund the hay rides. A suggestion was made to find a sponsor to fund the food, etc. prior to donating future hay rides. Patriots will sponsor the food for the hay ride to be auctioned at the Camelot Auction next month.

Chairman's Update on Report to Board of Trustees: The Park Board reviewed Section 2-1306 Powers and Duties of our governing directives. A question was raised regarding paragraph B, which covers recommendations of proper, fair and safe management of Village parks. An example is the unauthorized use of day care facilities of the Splash Pad.

Committee Reports: None.

New Business: Inconsistency in number of attendees listed on park facilities Rental Agreements and increased number who actually attend. Mike asked us to consider fee schedule based number of attendees. Will be brought up at October meeting.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Possible pathway to Schranz Park from the nearby subdivision. Not at this time.

Graffiti at Schranz Park on benches and play equipment. Mike will bring up to Mayor and request the Police Chief to monitor. Also, many bricks are missing from the walkway in Schranz. The Mayor is looking at new security cameras.

The 2016 DAV grant which reduces property taxes for Veterans. How much is reserved for the Village and what would be loss of revenue for the parks. Unknown at this time.

There being no further business, motion by Jim, second by Dave, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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