

17 Oct 2015 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Jim Beimfohr Paula Brandkamp David Chevess Jamie Fryman
David McGhee Mike Koeneman Diane Wickline

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer

President Mike Koeneman opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 am. Followed by Agenda Items:

Approval of 12 Sep 2015 Minutes: motion by Paula, second by Dave, to approve minutes. Motion passed.

Deposits for Pavilion Rentals: Motivating situation for this discussion is increasing instances of persons renting pavilions leaving a mess without any consequence. David M. and Diane will research O'Fallon, Belleville area parks regarding their pavilion rental policies and problems.

Control Sizes of Groups Renting Pavilions: Mike will talk with Chief of Police. Marilyn reported that the Board is working on additional and upgraded cameras.

Park reservation forms are being reviewed. Barb will email the reservation form.

Santa House: Marilyn explained the procedures and operation of the Santa House. She reviewed the focus on making all the children feel comfortable with Santa, taking time to get that "good" picture, letting the children choose an ornament from Santa's tree and a gift from Santa's basket. Marilyn said that we offer payment to the Santas and that many times they do not accept the payment. Sometimes, having enough helpers is a problem. This year we are fortunate to have some exchange students who are very enthusiastic about participating and eagerly looking forward to help out. Still waiting for Concept Shoes to get the length of leather for Santa's belt.

2016 Memorial Day Ceremony: Marilyn recapped our ceremony, our honorees, speakers, color guard, MC, singers or musicians, dedications, and especially the comradery and refreshments following the ceremony. David C. volunteered to work with Marilyn on this event.

Pushing for Action on 2016 Splash Pad Recommendations: Mike brought our recommendations on fees, overseeing use, etc. to the Village Board two or three months ago. No action has been taken yet.

Committee Reports: Because of restructure of the Park Board, there are no committees. We will discuss at November meeting.

New Business: Future vision for the parks from two or three years to five years. Bring up at next meeting.

Unfinished Business: 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.

Mike also spoke about one summer hire to work at Schranz whose duties would include overseeing and monitoring use of Splash Pad.

Ownership of sidewalk in front of Schranz Park is undetermined.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Marilyn reported the Cultural Committee is now looking at streetscape along Hwy 159.

There being no further business, motion by Jim, second by David M., to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:10 am.

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Submitted by Diane Wickline