

## 12 March 2016 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Jim Beimfohr                      David Chevess                      Jamie Fryman                      Mike Koeneman  
David McGhee

Village Liaisons: John Budde                      Marilyn Neumeyer

Board President Mike Koeneman opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 am. Board proceeded with the published Agenda Items:

Approval of 13 Feb 2016 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by David McGhee, second by Jim Beimfohr. Reviewed Park Board Contact Information and added missing phone numbers and email contacts for Jaime, John Budde, and Marilyn.

Discuss – Long Range Plan and Wish List for village parks: Mike reviewed list provided by David McGhee and published under separate cover. Mike suggested Board Members explore three of the items considered most likely for funding consideration by the Swansea Patriots. (1) Provide seating and/or bleachers for the amphitheater area at Schranz Park. Members concurred seating would enhance the amphitheater site and benefit village residents. (2) Source and procure new composite picnic tables constructed of recycled materials for pavilion areas at Schranz Park. (3) Metered or Timed Lights to illuminate the recently resurfaced roller hockey rink at Mell Price Park. Members noted the convenience of Tennis Court lighting at St Clair Township facilities adjacent to Wolf Branch Elementary School. John Budde supported feasibility of lighting the roller hockey facility. Marilyn Neumeyer asked if lighting would encroach/disturb nearby residential area. John Budded indicated the lighting fixture could easily be oriented to avoid impact on residential area. (4) Marilyn suggested the installation of swings designed to allow both a parent and young child/toddler to swing simultaneously while facing each other. (5) John Budde advised the Park Board on Toddler Playground upgrades planned for Schranz Park. Village is receiving three proposals for Toddler Playground equipment to be funded by \$30,000 grant from St Clair County. Marilyn advised the Park Board she would begin discussion of the first three proposals at the next meeting of Swansea Patriots, a 501c(3) non-profit organization dedicated to funding improvement of park facilities and equipment in the Village. (6) Park Board discussed the possibility of sculpture installations in Village Parks. Mike recommended contact with Patty Gregory from Belleville Art on the Square to discuss possibility of sculpture donations and inclusion in park grounds. (7) Park Board requested John Budde explore inclusion of a path and/or sidewalk adjacent to Honeysuckle Lane to allow pedestrians to safely transit from Huntwood Lane to Schranz Park facilities. (8) Board discussed if lighting along bike path in Centennial Park would be feasible. John Budde noted the Bike path is a shared responsibility with St Clair Township.

Discuss Memorial Day Program: Marilyn outlined planning to date. She noted the 126<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing at Scott AFB will provide a Color Guard. She noted Steve Pulley, Village Trustee, has identified a keynote speaker. Reverend Foss will deliver an invocation. Thompson Center will serve as inclement weather backup location for outdoor venue at Mel Price Park.

Discuss New Roof on TWM Center: John Budde advised the installation of new roofing on the TWM Center was underway and expected to conclude within a week. This project should alleviate past problems with water leaking during rain storms.

New Business: Mike asked Park Board to review request from Christ Church to reserve and utilize Schranz Park and Mel Price Park facilities on separate dates to conduct community based programs this summer. Park Board recommends Village Board of Trustees approve request with a \$75 fee for each 3-day block.

Unfinished Business: Centennial Park Invasive Plant Removal work day was cancelled.

Splash Pad. Mike indicated the Village Board of Trustees had reviewed recommendations from the Park Board at most recent meeting and the Village was drafting an ordinance to implement new guidelines on use and access. John Budde discussed questions posed by Village Administrator to aid in implementation of ordinance.

Public Comment: Marilyn Neumeyer announced upcoming community events sponsored by the Swansea Patriots including a 5k Fun Run featuring food and music on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm. Planning is underway for "Christmas in Camelot" charitable auction on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The auction will take place at the Swansea Mooselodge and planners are looking for sponsors and auction contributions to support Swansea Patriots non-profit fundraising for parks in Swansea.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion by Jim Beimfohr, second by David McGhee, to adjourn at 8:25 am.

Submitted by Dave Chevess

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