

14 May 2016 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Paula Brandkamp Jim Beimfohr Dave Chevess David McGhee
Mike Koeneman Diane Wickline Guest: Dan Baudemdistol

Village Liaisons: John Budde Marilyn Neumeyer

President Mike Koeneman opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10 am. Followed by discussion of Agenda Items:

Approval of 14 May 2016 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Jim, second by David M. Approved.

Introduction of Potential New Member: Mike introduced Dan to the members. Dan and his family recently moved to Swansea when Dan accepted a position with the State. He is a neighbor of Larry Kania and the families have become friends. It was at Larry's suggestion that Dan check out the Park Board and consider becoming a member. Our thanks to Larry and we hope Dan decides to join us.

Final Plans for Memorial Day Program: Marilyn reported that everything is in place and the Agenda is filled. Several new veterans will be honored this year. We will begin setting up at 7:30. Everyone's help is needed. The boy scouts will put out the flags again this year. Marilyn found a source for free flags when replacements are needed. Jefferson Barracks Cemetery puts out flags at each grave. They do not reuse the flags the following year. Our ceremony will begin at 10:00. Refreshments will be served after the formal part of the ceremony.

Details from Marilyn for Splash Pad Legislation: No final ordinance has been passed. Reserved time stays the same – 11:30 to 1:30. Still need to resolve group size. Our Board suggests group be defined as ten or more – maximum of 50 children. Must reserve the splash during those hours; we suggest \$50. Shoe requirement for inside the splash pad: no street shoes or sandals and flip flops or deck shoes must be worn while in the splash pad.

New Business: the sound system used at Memorial Day ceremonies belongs to the Patriots. Since the village doesn't own the system, it isn't covered by Village insurance. The Patriots will have to get their own coverage.

Unfinished Business: John reported that he is waiting on one more contractor bid for the play equipment at Schranz Park. (2) Lighting for the roller was strongly objected to by the residents whose homes border the rink and has been dropped. (3) TWM Building: increased parking is badly needed and in the planning stage; dropping the ceiling and adding insulation to help cool has been proposed; map of the memorial trees will be put under the overhang of the Lehr Building. (4) Marilyn reported that several older streets will be resurfaced. The cost will be shared with American Illinois Water Company. (5) The Village was able to buy the old DMV building to hold the Village Administrative offices. Street Dept. employees are doing the carpentry work, significantly reducing cost of renovation. It was necessary to relocate because the Police Department could no longer operate in the room available to them. New building should be complete September/October. (6) Police Chief is working on integrating the new 911 system.

Public Comment: Dave C. reminded us of the Township Park Board sponsored Invasive Plant Removal Work Day beginning this morning at 9:00 at Centennial Park. The Nature Conservancy will provide gloves and tools.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion by Jim, second by David M, to adjourn at 8:00 am.