

9 July 2016 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Mike Koeneman Jim Beimfohr David Chevess David McGhee
Paula Brandkamp Dan Baudendistel

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer

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

Approval of 1 June 2016 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by David M., second by Paula. Approved.

Discuss – Fall Community Project at Mel Price Park: Board discussed clearing out the kidney-shaped planting area in front of the Norman Lehr Community Center as well as cleaning up the perennial planting areas in front of the Veterans War Memorial. Project scheduled for Saturday, October 8th at 8 am. Village will provide planting materials. Marilyn will place notice of Fall Clean-Up in the in the Swansea Report with invitation to public to participate. Board also requested an assessment and recommendations for planting beds immediately adjacent to the Norman Lehr Community Center and the perennial bed in front of Veterans War Memorial from Ms. Arla Chevess, a volunteer and Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension.

Discuss – Grant Funding for Schranz Park: Mike noted availability of \$25,000 grant and he asked Board to start thinking about how to utilize these grant funds to improve park grounds and facilities.

Discuss – Begin Santa House Preparations: Board discussed ways they and other members of the public could assist Marilyn with the annual Santa House during the holiday season. Marilyn noted the need for more volunteers on the work schedule. She also suggested need for trailer to mount moveable lighted sign to advertise the location and hours of Santa House. Santa House now included as line item in Village budget. With regard to trailer, Marilyn is asking for donation of a trailer to mount the sign. Sign provided to Village at no cost. Paula asked if a monitor could be connected to still photo camera to enable a larger viewing area for visitors to the Santa House when selecting photo images for printing following their visit with Santa. Marilyn asked Board Members for donations of candy canes. David M. volunteered to assist with the volunteer list. Lastly, Marilyn noted need to refurbish some of the outdoor décor including the wood and plastic lollipops.

Update – Splash Pad: Board noted the table adjacent to water features had been removed and will be replaced by benches to discourage consumption of food and drink and to reduce potential for accumulation of trash or debris in the immediate vicinity of water features.

New Business: Mike suggested project for local Boy Scout Troop 52 to survey, identify, and map trees at Schranz Park. David M. said he would talk with troop leaders regarding this potential project.

Unfinished Business: Mike expressed concern with condition of facilities such as the Norman Lehr Community center noting a lack of attention to adequate facility clean-up following rental use. Mike asked board to examine the process for return of rental deposits to allow time for examination/inspection prior to return of deposit. He is also concerned with parties exceeding posted capacity at various rental venues.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Marilyn briefed (1) progress of road work in the Village. (2) Boul Avenue administration building funding provided by the Business District Fund not the General Fund. (3) Several local municipalities are concerned with the impact of 911 Call Center Consolidation mandated by the State of Illinois.

There being no further business, motion by Jim, second by David M., to adjourn at 7:55 am. Approved.

Submitted by Dave Chevess.