

13 August 2016 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

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

Village Liaisons: John Budde Marilyn Neumeyer Patriot: John O'Neill

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

Approval of 9 July 2016 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Paula, second by Jim. Approved.

Discuss Plans for Santa House – Trailer for Lighted Sign: Marilyn and John will talk with Rural King regarding procuring a trailer. Marilyn will be cleaning the Santa House and welcomes anyone that could spare some time to help. It usually takes only a few hours.

Update on Playground Equipment: John said this project is on hold until the Government Center is finished. The new playground will be put in over the winter.

Discuss New Tables and Chairs for Norman Lehr Bldg with Patriots: Marilyn asked to hold this discussion until after Patriots' next meeting. The Patriots have \$20,000 available. Projects under consideration are installing a false ceiling at the TWM Bldg and adding insulation and fans. Patriots' by-laws state that money raised will be for permanent improvements to the parks. Discussion turned to the upcoming Camelot Auction. Park Board members will contact donors for silent auction items.

Fall Cleanup – October 8, 2016: Ms. Arla Chevess provided her assessment and recommendations for the flower beds around the Lehr Bldg and War Memorial. Great job, Arla. Thanks so much. Discussed soil in beds, history of the replantings of the beds, what plants worked, etc. More next meeting.

Discuss Limit of Number of Guests Using Park Facilities: Problems with number of guests exceeding safety limits of rented facilities. Are the facilities being checked for safety compliance – is this being enforced? The Cultural Committee analyzes the number of people each building can safely accommodate. The police patrol the parks at random times during each shift. Whose duty would it be to enforce the occupancy numbers? Do we need a Parks Department? Would installing more cameras solve the issue? Inviting Lyndon and our Police Chief to our meeting would give good guidance.

Other Committee Reports: None.

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: Splash pad. Things are going well under revised guidelines.

Public Comment: Dave M. stated that there are no baby changing tables in any of the restrooms in the parks. With all the babies and toddlers visiting the parks, that would be a great convenience for parents.

General Discussion: None.

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

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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