

15 October 2016 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Paula Brandkamp Dan Baudendistel David Chevess Mike Koeneman
Diane Wickline

Village Liaison: Marilyn Neumeyer

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

Approval of 10 September 2016 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Paula, second by Dave. Approved.

Discuss Parks Master Plan: Brian sent email with the master plan. Mike mentioned Explore Swansea at the Village Board Meeting. It was not considered at this time. Mike will speak to the Mayor. Marilyn will have the Village print copies for the Park Board members. Thank you, Marilyn.

Brian attended the September meeting of the St Clair Township Park Committee. His project was well received and was advised to contact Mike Buehlhorn at MEPRD.

Discuss Park Cleanup Pros/Cons – Should it be done again: Clean up went well. Volunteers concentrated on the Lehr Building and fountain area plantings. Additional clean up days will be scheduled in the spring, summer and fall as needed. Dave C. will get with John regarding plant procurement and planting in March.

Discuss Proposed Art Fair: Kristina Keck wants the Village to host an art fair similar to many art fairs held in St Louis. She proposed a mid-October date. There are no specifics at this time, and Mike is uncertain as to what Kristina expects the Village to provide – perhaps just use of the park. No further action to be taken until Kristina provides more information.

Discuss Santa House: John got the sign secured to the trailer. Thanks to our great street department guys. Marilyn is adding an hour to Saturday and Sunday Santa visiting and beginning one day earlier than last year. Liese Lumber is providing wood and hopefully they will cut circles for us.

Other Committee Reports: None.

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: Limiting number of guests occupying rental facilities. Paula and Dan provided great research. Members discussed police stopping by and letting facility renters know, in a friendly manner, that they are just stopping in. Also suggested inviting the Chief to attend the November meeting.

Thompson Center kitchen is rarely being used. Maybe we need more marketing to get the word out. Mike asked Paula and Dan for a chart of the villages they researched and how we compare with them.

Public Comment: None

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion by Dave, second by Paula, to adjourn at 8:10 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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