

9 January 2021 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Thompson Center, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Rose Connor Barb Kimutis Mike Koeneman Matt Lynch David McGhee
Diane Wickline Jonas Wilson Jim Wolfe

Village Liaison: Marilyn Neumeyer. Guest: Mike Buehlhorn

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 14 November 2020 minutes made by Ryan, second by David. Motion approved.

Musical Instrument Proposal: Letter from Corynn Wheelan, band director and general music teacher at High Mount. Ms. Wheelan provided pictures of children in a park playing outdoor musical instruments (attached). Is there interest in adding musical playground at Mel Price Park? Discussion followed. Motion to recommend bringing to Village Board by Diane, second by Jim.

Santa House: This December, Santa visited with 1,006 children. There were no COVID-19 traces from any of the families. Marilyn reported expenses to date of \$815 for props and lots of ink. Mike B. donated phone and use of blue tooth to talk to printers. Made photo printing much faster.

Mike B. presented proposal to move our Santa house next to Thompson Bldg. Mike Anderson would tow the Santa house to the fenced in area adjacent to Thompson. Thompson Bldg would be first stop with decorations like setup from 2020 year, on a smaller scale. Suggest a \$5 fee for taking phone pix. The setup would also be great for shelter from inclement weather. Our Santa house would be connected to Thompson – possibly by an overhang. Children would visit with Santa, get their pictures taken, etc., for \$5 as we have in the past. Estimated cost to Village for moving and setting up \$1200-\$1250.

Other Committee Reports: Clinton Hills: 1. Mike K. and Dallas met with pro shop owner at Clinton Hills. Owner wants golf carts. 2. Heartland Conservancy continues working on the outdoor classroom. 3. Fountains or aerators are still under discussion. 4. With disc golf tournaments and cross country meets, consider another restroom.

New Business: Mel Price Park. Swing set in memory of Helen Lehr.

Unfinished Business: None. Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Rose works with Wash U. Pfizer-Biontech vaccine at St Clair County site. She provided a fact sheet for all of us. Thank you so much, Rose.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Jim, second by Rose at 8:06 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline