

11 September 2021 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes
Norman Lehr Building, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Rose Connors Barb Kimutis Mike Koeneman David McGhee Diane Wickline
 Matt Lynch (phone) Jonas Wilson

Village Liaison: Marilyn Neumeyer Guests: Mike Buelhorn

Chairman Mike opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 am, followed by discussion of Agenda Items.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 7 August 2021 minutes regarding Clinton Hills Fundraiser Disc Golf Tournament corrected: Van Man Discs will pay for use of electric only carts. Motion by David, second by Jonas. Motion approved.

Condition of Clinton Hills Bridges: Moving forward with repairs. Matt spoke with Rick Tucker. Rick will arrange for an inspector to assess condition of the bridges. One bridge is in such disrepair that the probability for injury is eminent. Discussed removing another bridge also in disrepair.

Halloween Children's Event: The Swansea Boo Fest will take place on Saturday, Oct 23d. Children are welcome at 4:00 pm ending at 8:00 pm. We will meet one evening during the week of 23rd to move Halloween decorations to Lehr Bldg; ask Rick Tucker to check lighting around the activities area. More trunk or treat vehicles are needed. Participants must be vetted by Swansea police. Meet on Saturday at 8:00am to decorate. Request Fire Dept help with taking down some of decorations, etc.

Pavilion & Building Rentals: Lori Reagan made a listing of rental fees and deposits from Fairview Heights, O'Fallon, Columbia, Belleville and Swansea. She compared rental fees and deposits for pavilions, for residents and non-residents. Lori also compared fees and deposits buildings, for residents and non-residents. Buildings with kitchens or with meeting rooms had higher fees for residents and non-residents. One Village offers a building attendant at \$20 per hour to return facility to standard. We will continue to expand ideas over the next 4 months.

Adult Treasure Hunt: Patriots expense: \$906.50. There are enough gold coins, trinkets, supplies for next year's event. Everyone had so much fun. Disappointed by the small turn out. Suggest moving Adult Treasure Hunt to a September date, have a rain date, on-line reservations, a square for card purchase. We will continue to look for ways to make our event better.

Other Committee Reports: On 10 Sep, Matt Lanter, Rick Tucker, Dallas Alley, Matt Lynch and Mike K. met to talk about numerous park topics and to prioritize the things we would like to see done in our parks. The discussion centered on Clinton Hills because most of the work is at Clinton Hills. Next meeting should be in three weeks. We are now part of Centennial Park. The Village tore down three homes on Bobby Dr. St Clair Township acquired a grant and will put play equipment in Centennial Park. In addition, the Township will put in 10 parking places and a 10ft wide walkway in the vacant area on Bobby Dr. The walkway will go directly to the playground area. Matt added the need for Ameren to supply the electric for the fountains. Further discussion noted that Ameren resources were engaged in restoring power in Louisiana. Goal is to bring power to Clinton Hills by February or March. Village secured a grant to widen the trails at Schranz Park.

Unfinished Business: David asked if any progress had been made installing his memorial bench.

New Business: Santa House will be moved and incorporated with Thompson Center. When the concrete walkway that will connect Thompson Center to the Santa House is complete, Mike Anderson will tow the Santa House to its new location.

Public Comment: Address play equipment at Mel Price Park at next meeting.

General Discussion: A former Park Board Member, who now plays on an adult soccer team, noted that only half of the soccer field is playable. The remaining part of the field is torn up, filled with ruts. What is the possibility for the Village to repair the damaged part of the soccer field?

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by David, second by Rose at 8:08 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline