

13 November 2021 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Thompson Center, Mel Price Park

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

Village Liaison: Marilyn Neumeyer Guests: Mike Buelhorn Charlie Pitts

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 11 September 2021 meeting by Barb, second by David. Motion approved. Motion to approve 2 October 2021 minutes by David, second by Rose. Motion approved.

Play Equipment at Mel Price Park: Mike K. asked Mike B. when grant money may be available for repair or replacement of the play equipment at the north end of the park. Mike B. mentioned a County grant that would become available in April. This grant can be used for repair or replacement of the play equipment. He advised the Park Board to evaluate the necessary supplies and cost early on to be prepared when the grant is approved.

Condition of Clinton Hills Bridges: Marilyn informed us that the position of park foreman will be approved at the November 15 Village Board meeting. His duties will be to assess the condition and needs of all the parks, prioritize those needs and conditions and advised the Park Board of his findings. No one has been appointed to this position. Public Works employees have been busy with pouring concrete, painting and maintaining the parks. Ben connected with a person in Chicago who assesses bridges. Ben is working on it.

Halloween Children's Event: Our event was cancelled due to rain. We had some clearing sky in the morning, but that didn't last too long. By the afternoon, Mike knew it was the right decision. The sad thing is that our children missed out the past 3 years. Our event was cancelled, twice because of rain and once because of Covid.

Pavilion & Building Rentals: Mike K. asked that we spend time reviewing the figures provided in previous minutes. He would like to have a reasonable plan to present to the Village Board in December. Mike emphasized the necessity of pavilion deposits and fees large enough to cover damages. Proof of clean-up in the pavilion could be provided by the time stamp on cell phone photos. Comparison of our building fees are not far off from the villages listed; our deposits are off, especially the major damage at Schranz Park. It seems the most damage occurs on the weekends, when large numbers of people gather.

Mike B. informed us that wifi and internet are being installed Tuesday. Cost is \$70 per month. He suggested offering TV use for a fee. It would make the Thompson Center more saleable. Mike B. thought the Village may cover the cost.

Santa House: Marilyn stated that the Thompson Center will be decorated within the week, however, the Rotary requires at least 5 tables for their weekly Thursday morning meetings.

Volunteers are needed. A volunteer schedule is included in with the packet.

Anyone who works with children is required to sign a list providing name, address and contact information.

Flyers are ready for printing.

Further discussion focused on transition from Santa's Wonderland at the Thompson Center to the Santa House. Fee of \$10 will be charged at the door which includes a photo frame. The photo frame is worth one picture with Santa.

There is no limit to pictures taken with cell phones or personal phones. Hot chocolate, cookies and water are available for \$1 each.

Inside the Santa House, redeem the photo frame for one photo; additional photos are \$5 each.

Other Committee Reports: None.

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Charlie Pitts will be our newest member. He is a University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist. He currently lives in Lebanon IL, H: 618-622-5197 C: 618-910-0911, NaturalistOnCall@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wickline