

11 June 2022 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Building, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Barb Kimutis Mike Koeneman Matt Lynch David McGhee Diane Wickline

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer, Dave Seger, Charlie Pitts

Guest: Mary Taylor

Chairman Mike opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02am, followed by discussion of Agenda Items.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 15 May 2022 minutes by Charlie, second by David. Motion approved by all.

Park Request: Stacey Pauly, Disc Golf Tournament, Oct 1, 2022. (Clinton Hills Pavilion and Park area)

Park Request: Clinton Hills Pavilion – Kim O'Brian. Ribbon Cutting, Aug 18, (for information only, no approval needed)

Potential Fundraiser: Possible dates available at Swansea Moose are early August, September 3, and October 8. All agreed August too soon, Labor Day weekend is not ideal. Marilyn will book October date if available. Hopefully, the Moose will allow us free or discounted use of their Facility. If not available, we can hold the event at Tribout's on S. Illinois St. in Belleville. There is no other facility large enough that would allow alcohol and games of chance in Swansea. Each Park Board/Patriot member will be asked to furnish 2 silent auction items and work the event. This upcoming event should be announced in July & September Swansea Report.

Other Committee Reports: None.

Halloween Event: Scheduled for Saturday, October 29. In the event of rain, Thompson Center will be backup plan. Barb agreed to contact Wolf Branch and High Mount to see if their students would participate in a Halloween Poster contest which would be judged by those attending the Halloween event. Posters will be displayed and judged that evening. This event should also be mentioned in the July and September Swansea Report. Marilyn suggested that children's drawings should be categorized by age. We need flyers announcing this event.

Memorial Day Observance: This Memorial Day Ceremony was a huge success. Very well attended. Our POW-MIA ceremony honoring those soldiers who are prisoners of war and missing in action. New to our ceremony this year, was the presentation of Quilts of Valor. These quilts are hand sewn to honor those who served during the Viet Nam War. Four recipients received quilts. This is a wonderful addition to our ceremony. Mayor complimented the program and attendance at the program at the last Board of Trustees meeting.

New Business: Mike K. reported that Jay Hoffman has moved a \$500,000 grant forward for Clinton Hills Conservation Park. Village would put in \$100,000. MEPRD would add \$200,000. Of course, about \$160,000 would go for unavoidable Engineering fees.

Unfinished Business: Ameren still waiting for parts for fountains. Most likely they will not be available until 2023. (1) A plaque has been suggested for those who have paid for benches or memorial trees and bushes.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Dave Seger told the group there was vandalism overnight at Schranz Park. Landscaping blocks were run over and destroyed by the entrance sign. (1) Lack of respect for parking in private yards. (2) Barb agreed to write a small article about upcoming Park Board activities. (3) Mike K. and David are putting together a Word document to explain the Halloween event so that new members know what to expect. (4) Matt spoke briefly about the Park Board Topic List he gave out. (5) Barb sent an email containing a link to information about a Park Board in Wisconsin. This could be used as a guideline to put together our own mission and vision for Swansea Park Board and Patriots.

Remember that July meeting will be held at Clinton Hills.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn made by David, second by Barb at 8:40am. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wickline

