

9 July 2022 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Clinton Hills Pavilion

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

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer, Dave Seger, Rick Tucker,

Guests: Charlie Pitts, Mary Taylor, Joe Wickline, Justin Done, Danial Soffera, Greg Schadegg

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 11 June 2022 minutes by Charlie, second by Jonas. Motion approved by all.

Clinton Hills Park: 1). Daniel Soffera, President (843-460-5729), Greg Schadegg, Vice President (618-799-9242) of local disc golf club. Their primary purpose is to educate people in the community about disc golf and to improve local parks. They would like to work with Heartlands Conservancy by replanting native species. They can provide manpower to help with park projects and do fund raising. 2). Justin Done, of VanMann Discs, checking on addition of beginner players. Park Board Chairman Mike K. explained why we are not going forward with expanding disc golf. Matt Lynch, Clinton Hills committee chairman, is working on long range planning. There are safety issues to be addressed. We're all volunteers working together and hopefully we can move forward with everyone's help. Clinton Hills is a designated conservation park. There are things you would not see in our other parks. We envision walking trails, however, today's regulations governing those trails must be ADA compliant and considerably more expensive. We have the potential of receiving money from the State of Illinois, but that could arrive a year later. Mr Done expressed his desire to disassociate from Fletcher's. He would like to purchase 3 acres on the other side of Fletcher's which will require zoning, financing, and other permits. He would like to plant some prairie grass along the course, help with establishing community gardens and any other conservation projects. The disc golf club will help with fund-raising.

Fundraiser: 1) Moose Lodge. Nothing available. 2) Tribout. Nothing available until January. \$1500 provides everything necessary for cards, daubers, help with flyers, etc. \$250 for hall rent. Each game pays \$100. Best night would be a Saturday, late January, early February. Need 50 silent auction items. Barb will write sponsor letter. Request list of all Swansea businesses.

Halloween Event: Saturday, October 29. In the event of rain, Thompson Center will be backup. David put together list of responsibilities. Barb will write letter especially noting trunk or treaters. New name for Halloween event is Dracula Spectacula at Mel Price Park. Contact District 118, parochial schools within District 118 and Governor French Academy. Check Park Board website and Police website for questions.

New Business: 1) Santa House is reserved for the week prior to Christmas for set up. We will participate in the Firemen's parade then open Santa House on Dec. 3rd and close on Dec. 23rd. 2) Lack

of communication by Heartland Conservancy personnel who planted 3 trees too close together. Village personnel can't get mower around the trees. To be continued.

Unfinished Business: Barb and Mike are working on article about Park Board activities.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn made by Rose, second by Jonas at 8:37am. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wickline