

# Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

## Norman Lehr Building

January 14, 2023

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

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer      Dave Seger      Guests: Mike Buehlhorn      Charlie Pitts  
Cynthia Stranis      Mary Taylor      Joe Wickline

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 10 December 2022 meeting by Barb, second by Jonas. Motion approved by all.

Santa House: Very successful Santa House. Five hundred children visited Santa. Parents as well as children enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies while waiting to visit Santa. Mike B. provided walkie talkies. These were especially helpful for letting Santa know the names of the children, etc. Bitterly cold weather forced us to close 2 days early.

Mike K followed Marilyn's lead by visiting every Dollar Tree and Dollar General. He returned with somewhere close to at least \$300. A close friend surprised Mike with the "motherload of gifts". Discussion followed regarding changing hours next year. We will address later in the year. Changes will be made to the entrances to keep everyone going in the right direction.

We are having an "after putting away of Santa House" get together. We will also have a "thank you" get together for those individuals who were especially helpful.

Clinton Hills Park: Grant has been awarded beginning in April, to widen trails along the Main Conservation Park area only. In October, the Village Board accepted a bid from Hank's Excavating in the amount of \$6500 to demolish a bridge. Hank's inspected the bridge and approved the project. (1) The holidays brought many visitors to the park. Everyone commented on the excellent disc golf course and the overall beauty of our park. (2) Dave S. spoke about infrastructure conditions that are in bad shape. Some of the drainage pipes run under Hidden Lake Road. Part of the ground is caving in. Concern that the concrete under the leaking lakes could crack. (3) Mike K. asked us to think of things to enhance our conservation area. It could be security cameras, better lighting along the trails, carts, pavilion, etc. (4) Entering from Collinsville Road, continuing North, a Retirement Home is planned. (5) Matt Lynch is the Clinton Hills Committee Chairman. He suggested beginning with community involvement. Next would be inviting any interested individuals and build from there. (6) Paving will be done by Christ Brothers in the early spring. (7) Fountains will be installed depending on weather and Ameren.

New Business: Pickle Board Courts. Dimensions are 20 ft wide and 44 ft long. The paddle is larger than a ping pong paddle and the ball is similar to a whiffle ball. It was suggested that we use the court closest to the Thompson Building. It would be necessary to draw lines to fit court dementions. Pickle ball is extremely popular and we are anxious to get started.. More information is necessary.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by David, second by Barb at 8:45 am. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wickline