

Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Building

March 11, 2023

Members Present: Rose Connors Barb Kimutis Mike Koeneman Diane Wickline Jonas Wilson

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer Rick Tucker Guest: Charlie Pitts Mary Taylor Joe Wickline

Chairman Mike opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 am, followed by discussion of Agenda Items.

Approval of Minutes: Correction to February 18, 2023, meeting. Mike B. is trying to apply for \$100,000 from the State. No money has been approved. Motion to approve minutes, as corrected, by Barb, second by Jonas. Motion approved by all.

Memorial Day Observance: May 29th. Begin setting up at 7:30. We will need help from the Boy Scouts as we've had in other years. Mike may have a speaker. He is a retired military officer who is also an IT specialist. He worked for the government for a long time. He also worked at the White House. (1) Diane spoke with Deacon Art for invocation and benediction. It's likely he will be available because we are celebrating on Monday, the 29th. (2) Diane and Joe will prepare the food. (3) Fire Dept. will post the colors. (4) Rick will take care of the chairs, podium, sound system, and make certain the honor guard will be in the shade. (4) Marilyn will submit an announcement to the Belleville paper for Swansea's Memorial Day observance. (5) Charlie suggested Facebook and O'Fallon Newspaper. Mike suggested submitting one announcement and send to all other papers. Charlie noted there is a lot of rivalry between the papers. Rick said that there is only one official Swansea Facebook page. Joe will check with the base newspaper. There is only one official base paper which is the Command Post. There are other "Base papers" published by unofficial sources. (6) Jonas will contact assisted living homes during the first of May. We will be certain to tell all residents that they are welcome to join us for our entire Memorial Day celebration. All veterans will be recognized. Barb will make the flyer. Jonas will contact the nursing homes. If we find that more people are coming than usual, we will plan on extra hot dogs. Motion to approve Memorial Day Observance by Diane, second by Jonas. Motion carried.

Clinton Hills Park: Mike K was unable to attend the group session. The session with Charlie, Jonas, and Barb was very productive. Any or all of you may provide your input. Jonas said Matt wants to get together either the latter part of this month or the early next month to discuss his vision of not only Clinton Hills, but other Swansea parks. We need more manpower. (1) Rick said all electrical work has been completed. Ameren submitted another bill which was more than the previous bill. An invoice has been submitted to cover the additional amount. It

will take Ameren about a week to process, and payment made. Then Ameren can finish their part. Rick said one of the fountains may be in by Memorial Day. (2) There was a conflict between the trails and Heartlands Conservancy. Rick doesn't have the new drawings at this time. There was some more discussion on a master plan and placement of trails.

New Business: The company that designed and installed Swansea Kingdom is sending a representative to do the assessment. His report will cover the condition of Swansea Kingdom and make recommendations on repairs, new safety standards, etc. Rick will meet with him. Mike suggested anyone who wanted to be there is welcome. Rick said he didn't know how long it will take to get the official report.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Someone from the Rotary Club spoke with Mike about a fund about putting some play toys for dogs in the dog park. (1) Mike wants to get a copy was the Park Board ordinance to all the Park Board members. (2) Mike was impressed by the amount of use the Thompson Center is getting. (3) Rick stated that the Thompson Center needs a new heating system. (3) Mike suggested that a Swansea Park survey should made. (4) Discussion on should the Park Board schedule have the different events be listed on the schedule.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Jonas, second by Barb at 8:35 am. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wickline