

# Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

## Norman Lehr Building

April 8, 2023

Members Present: Rose Connors Barb Kimutis Mike Koeneman Matt Lanter David McGhee Diane Wickline

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer Dave Seger Guests: Charlie Pitts Cynthia Stranis 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: Motion to approve the 11 March 2023 minutes by Matt, second by David. Motion approved by all.

Clinton Hills Park: Request from Nicholas Harper on June 24<sup>th</sup> for High School Sports Event. They require use of the pavilion and park. We approve use of the event pending the certificate of insurance is in place. Use of the pavilion is waived. Two porta potties for school participants and guests should be sufficient.

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 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 then make the payment. 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 is waiting for the new drawings. There was more discussion on a master plan and placement of trails.

Memorial Day Observance: May 29<sup>th</sup>. We have our speaker, MC, however, it looks like Deacon Art may not be able to be with us. He was given an extra job at church. I'll talk with him as soon as I see him in church. (1) Diane and Joe will prepare the food. (2) Mike will bring in 4 cases of water. (3) Fire Dept. will post the colors and bring ice for the cooler. (4) Dave will take care of the chairs, podium, sound system, and make certain the honor guard will be in the shade. (5) Marilyn will submit an announcement to the Belleville paper for Swansea's Memorial Day observance. (6) Mike suggested submitting one announcement and sending it to all other 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. (7) Motion to approve Memorial Day Observance by Diane, second by Jonas. Motion carried.

New Business: The company that designed and installed the 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. Cynthia especially wants to meet with the representative. She is a retired AF civil engineer. Mike suggested anyone who wanted to be there is welcome. Rick said he didn't know how long it would take to get the official report.

Unfinished Business: Clinton Hills Park. Discussion regarding benches; rerouting of trails to make them ADH compliant; Cross Country Meets; improve bathrooms. .

Public Comment: None. General Discussion: None.

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