

## **Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes Norman Lehr Building September 16, 2023**

Members Present: Rose Connors, Mike Koeneman, Matt Lynch, David McGhee, Cynthia Stranis

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer

Chairman Mike opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 am.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by David, second by Rose. All in favor, minutes approved.

Clinton Hills Park: At the Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Village Board Meeting a proposal to pay the Village Engineering Firm (TWM) will be voted on. It includes assessing and developing a plan for the north and south bridges and the north dam for approximately \$55K.

Park Board Request: Cross country meets/races at Clinton Hills requested by Belleville East High School for Oct 2nd and 9th and Zion Lutheran School for Oct 5th. The need for additional porta-potties was acknowledged in the requests. No seating is required to be provided by the Village as the spectators move as the runners do or they bring their own lawn chairs. All dates approved.

### Halloween Event:

*When: October 21, 2023; (rain date: October 22th)*

*Time: 4 p.m. until dark*

*Where: Mel Price Park: 1500 Caseyville Avenue*

By Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, provide names of all volunteers need to Marilyn so she can ensure a background check is done. Putting up the lights is planned for Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Santa House: David informed the group that the initial plans to involve BRIDGES to make 3-D printed snowflakes, etc. required funding for materials so this idea isn't viable. Note: BRIDGE is an organization that helps young adults with disabilities transition to adulthood.

Rose mentioned if the Santa House gets busy, fumes from printing photos are a problem. The group suggested turning on the ceiling fan or opening doors may help.

Hours will be M-F 6p-8p; Sat.-Sun. 1p-5p

First day will be Sat., Dec. 2, 2023

By Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Mike will schedule a dedicated Santa House planning meeting for early Nov.

Other Business: Continued dialogue with the HeartLands Conservancy was mentioned to ensure their projects are consistent with the objectives of the Village.

Matt will take the lead on creating a document to capture the short and long term goals of the Park Board. A few ideas mentioned: fix the bridges, add restrooms and add new trails for the Clinton Hills Park. Any additional ideas should be emailed to Matt by Oct 11th.

New Business: Marilyn will work with Barb to send out letters requesting sponsors for various Park Board initiatives.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by David, second by Rose at 8:20 am. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Stranis.