

12 November 2016 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Jim Beimfohr Paula Brandkamp David Chevess Mike Koeneman  
David McGhee Diane Wickline

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeayer John Budde Guest: Brian Dulsky

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

Approval of 15 October 2016 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Paula, second by Dave M. Approved.

Discuss Parks Master Plan: Update: Brian spoke to Road Commissioner at Property and Trail Development meeting. Swansea has no available funds. No plan at this time to connect Mel Price Park with the trail behind the Mexican restaurant on North Illinois.

Regarding proposed extension of Richland Creek Trail along Old Collinsville Rd: The short term goal, with the help of St Clair Township, is to secure the SCC Parks Grant - \$40,500; the MEPRD matching funds - \$26,704; and share the remaining \$40,500 cost between the Village and Township. Total estimated cost for segment 1 is \$107,704. The Village will have to absorb 25% of cost rather than by foot cost. Some grading along Old Collinsville Rd is needed. This is part of the Explore Swansea Plan of 2012. (Project summary and trail map provided for each attendee.) Dave C. attended the Comprehensive Planning meeting and all in attendance seemed to be in favor of Brian's plan. Marilyn said Trustees are in favor, but the Village will have to levy major increases to pay bills. Village Pension shortfall is a bigger priority. Mike will advocate to support the trail and find funds. He will also speak with Matt Lanter for his support. Park Board members in attendance approve of the proposed trail extension to Shiloh.

Marilyn mentioned the possibility of the State giving Swansea a part of Boul Avenue.

Park Rental Fees: Research provided by Paula and Dan showed the Thompson Center was rented only 14 times from Jan thru Oct 2016. Email sent to Mike from Barb Kimutis, she shared her observations from people requesting the Thompson Center. They were put off by rental cost, amount of deposit, and restrictions on use of building – particularly no band or DJ. Barb stated the no music restriction has ended rentals for weddings, anniversary and birthday parties and family reunions. Her concern is so few rentals as opposed to cost of heating, cooling and insurance will turn facility into a liability.

Many people are not returning keys on time and leaving buildings cleaned according to instructions. If rules aren't followed, deposits must be kept. Chief Johnston will try to come to the December meeting.

TWM Building. John Budde will check on installing corrugated ceiling and insulation to enhance summer use. Marilyn asked for estimated cost. Splash pad company will sell interchangeable nozzles - \$\$ amount coming.

Mike asked Paula and Dan to come up with a comprehensive plan for January meeting.

Discuss Santa House: Ladies Auxiliary will be volunteering. Dave C. will take the sign up list to Rotary. Marilyn would like to get lights put up today. Lollypops will be painted instead of wrapped with colored cellophane. Paula has good ideas and a bookcase.

Other Committee Reports: None. New Business: None. Unfinished Business: None. Public Comment: None

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion by Dave, second by Paula, to adjourn at 8:10 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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