

3 December 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 Neumeyer Guest: Brian Dulsky

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

Approval of 12 November 2016 Minutes: Correction to minutes: John Budde was not present. Motion to approve corrected minutes by Jim, second by Dave C. Approved.

Santa House Operations Update: Marilyn reported that the Santa House is up and ready for Santa. She asked for a few volunteers to help put letters on the arrow sign right after the meeting. Having a radio at the Santa House for contact with the police if necessary was brought up. A day for Santa pictures with police and fire fighters is being considered. Probably a Saturday or Sunday for an hour.

Thanks to Wilson's for bringing the wing chair for Santa. The chair cover isn't ready. Only two Santa slots remain open. Sanding and varnishing of bench seats will wait until after Christmas.

Park Rental Fees: Chief Johnson will be at the January meeting and will specifically address the Thompson Bldg. Music is no longer allowed at Thompson Bldg because of complaints from neighbors. A phone app is available for smartphones to check decibels of music. We could also check with the neighbors regarding their complaints to find a solution. Dave M. and Paula will take lead to check with local DJs.

We will discuss with the Chief the number of people per building occupancy and how to handle when there are obviously more people than allowed.

Currently, we take credit cards for rental fees, but don't have ability to hold deposit if rules are not complied with.

Unfinished Business: Mike will check with Matt Lanter on when and if Swansea will start building the next extension of the bike trail. That will depend on when, where and if funds become available. Mike will continue to pursue issue. The Village is looking at more sales tax revenue and trying to fill business vacancies. O'Fallon's sales tax revenue is \$1million more than Belleville because of car dealerships. Locally, video gaming brings 5% to municipalities.

Update from Brian: Bike trail extension. County engineer said variance in widths of right away will increase costs. Swansea lost grant funds because former Village administrator didn't sign the grant acceptance form. One of the grant administrators said to apply for the grant again because we didn't get funding for 2016.

Some of the play equipment at Swansea Kingdom needs to be replaced. Would the Patriots be able to help with this project? The Patriots laws only permit funding of new, permanent improvements to our parks.

Brian will be presenting request for funding of a natural play area in Centennial Park to the Township Board.

New Business: Request from Rotary for Park Board donation of hay ride. They are having a fund-raiser dinner/dance in February to support feeding programs for needy children attending High Mount School and local families.

General Discussion: None. Other Committee Reports: None. Public Comment: 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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