

11 March 2017 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

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

Village Liaisons: John Budde Guest: Brian Dulsky

President Mike opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 am, followed by discussion of Agenda Items.

Approval of 11 February 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Dave M., second by Jim. Approved with Marilyn's correction that the sound equipment belongs to the Patriots, not the Park Board.

Dog Park: We misinterpreted the intent of discussion last month. Village wanted our discussion to focus on the cumbersome administrative procedures associated with using the dog park. Last year we had 19 or 20 dogs registered. This year only 5 dogs have been registered. Swansea opened the first dog park in the surrounding municipalities. Now Belleville, Shiloh, and O'Fallon all are larger than ours with play equipment and challenge runs. John spoke with personnel at the three locations. None have fees or registration requirements. After discussion, members recommended all fees and requirements be removed.

Memorial Day: We are still in need of a speaker and color guard. Marilyn will contact base speakers' office and check with the Mayor for his suggestions. Diane will speak to Fr. Tad, who retired from the Marine Corps just before being assigned to Holy Trinity Church.

Thompson Center: Mike reported on music issue to the Village Board. Paula received lots of feedback regarding no police surveillance. John confirmed past occurrences of violence and gun shots. Those issues have been stopped with Chief Johnson's policies of frequent random police patrols thru the parks. Marilyn will ask Lyndon to address noise excessive noise in the parks.

Bike Trails: No action planned. Money is being held to fund the 911 mandate. Village will have to pay Belleville \$10 for each call, including those directly to our non-emergency number. We will need to hire someone to handle reports. Estimated cost is over \$100,000. Brian asked we recommend sealing the existing trail. John said this is Public Works project; he's added it to his budget, but there's no guarantee.

Update from John Budde: Cost of baby changing table is \$350 each. John wants to speak to other park personnel.

Reapply for Schranz playground equipment grant that was to be submitted last year and was not sent in.

New Business: Free Community Picnic provided by Deliverance Mission Christian Church. All food and activities, excluding the bounce house, provided by the church members. Bounce house provided by Leap and Bounce 4 Fun including insurance, bonding, liability and supervision by adult representative. Picnic is open to all Swansea residents from 11:00am - 3:00pm. We have a question regarding deposit for Pavilions A and B.

Unfinished Business: None

General Discussion: Brian will check on grant for starting an edible garden grant. Dave C. said High Mount asked Rotary for community garden grant. Five raised beds and expanded to 20 beds and a shed.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, motion by Jim, second by Dave M, to adjourn at 7:55 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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