

12 August 2017 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

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

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer John Budde Chief Johnson

Guests: Brian Dulski Thomas McCaw, Cmdr., Korean War Veterans

President Mike opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10 am, followed by discussion of Agenda Items.

Approval of 8 July 2017 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Dave M, second by David C. Approved.

Update – Grant for Schranz Park Playground Equipment: John reported that a new grant application had to be submitted. It is for twice the amount of money. Reapplying for last year's grant was not valid.

Family Fun Event: Swansea Spook Spectacular. The following items were discussed and agreed upon:

Dan is out of town, but provided a great plan layout for activities and ideas for other activities as well. Members were given copies. One of Dan's suggestions is to show movies. Dave C. has outdoor movie showing equipment.

Dave M. has been talking with Creative Portraits. They want to use the Santa House/Spooky House to take pictures. They will charge for the photos and will give percentage back to parks.

Marilyn discussed Tribout bringing out rides. Because of the late date, perhaps only two or three rides would be available. Games could be set up under Pavilion 3. Super Spider Suppertime and Zap Zombie suggested. Space required – 6' X 6' and 36 X 60. Estimating \$100 to \$200 for prizes. Games will be free if sponsor donations cover cost. Marilyn will speak with Jack about the rides. Suggested buying an armband for covering cost of rides if sponsor donations don't cover cost.

We have 1½ food trucks confirmed. Three trucks were suggested, one being a pizza truck.

We have concerns with vetting people who set up trunk or treat. Volunteers from the Methodist Church and one other organization was suggested.

Chief Johnson will have several officers on duty for the party. Discussed having the road closed during the party. Chief also suggested getting the school supervisor involved to increase participation.

Discussed having bonfire. Couple members were against because of safety issues. Safeguards were discussed and Chief Johnson and members were satisfied that any danger to the children was mitigated with those safeguards in place. Chief is also donating approximately 20 gravestones as decorations. Explorer scouts are on board to help with decorating.

Sponsors will be listed in Swansea Report, at all events Patriots host over the next year, and on-site signs during all events.

Mike requested that we meet before next meeting as there are so many things to pull together. Working meeting will be on Saturday, Aug 26th, from 8:00 to 10:00am.

Committee Reports: None.

New Business: Thomas McCaw is Commander of the Illinois Korean War Veterans. It is with regret that due to age of members, the Illinois Korean War Veterans are disbanding. Cmdr. McCaw is asking our help in keeping the four flags at the memorial flying at all times, and in maintaining the shrubs and landscaping.

Members of the United Methodist Church carry the colors for the Vets. Some funds are available to maintain the memorial. That money will be given to the Patriots to use as needed.

Cmdr. McCaw invites everyone to join the Vets for chicken dinner at the Swansea Improvement Center. Dinner is Monday, Sep 11 (9/11) at 6:00 pm. Please call him at 618-806-1254, if you will be attending.

Unfinished Business: Update from Brian: John said Township grant is not available because Swansea is using those funds for the bike trail.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion by Paula, second by Diane, to adjourn at 8:35 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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