

13 January 2018 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

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

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer Brian Dulski

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 8 Dec 2017 minutes, with correction, made by Jim; second by David M. Correction by Marilyn: Village of Swansea has not bid on purchasing Clinton Hills Golf Course property.

Santa House Operations Wrap-up: Marilyn will have a more exact dollar figure at next meeting. Santa was visited by at least 560 children. Some visitors were children at heart. Santa started the season with 490 gifts; 105 were left. Marilyn purchased gifts for this year and will have 700 plus gifts to begin this season. Thank-you letters will be sent to Police Explorers for volunteering at Santa House. Steve Pulley and Tyler Thorpe donated their time as Santa. Paula again donated use of her laptop to select Santa pictures. The large screen speeds up the selection process. Barb Kimutis suggested we ask for police officer to be present when volunteers are leaving the Santa House. Flyers were distributed through Schnucks and six area schools.

Lessons learned for next year: make certain all volunteers are knowledgeable about operating the printer and changing ink cartridges; operating the cameras; connecting camera to laptop and connecting to printer; provide a fan for Santa. The suits, wig and beard can get stifling especially when there are several people in the building.

Marilyn suggested a line of lighted trees behind the Santa House and along the drive to Lehr Bldg.

Spring Project: Members agreed on Saturday, 24 March, as our parks clean up day. Will coordinate with John Budde. Reserve Lehr Bldg for St. Clair Township Landscape Committee will be planting trees in Centennial Park on 14 April. Volunteers are welcome and needed for both days.

Committee Reports: None.

New Business: Marilyn suggested a motion/dusk to dawn light for Lehr Bldg side door.

Unfinished Business: Adult Easter egg hunt will be held at Schranz Park on 23 March from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We will partner with the Patriots. Food and beer trucks (General Sherman). Bring your own flashlight.

Ideas discussed: Each egg to have a prize. Sponsor prizes and bigger prizes will have number in egg corresponding to prizes on a master list. Alcohol prizes will be included. Keeping ticket sales to pre-day sales and limiting number of tickets as opposed to allowing pre-day and walk-up sales without limiting tickets. Mike suggested limiting number of tickets sold and pre-day sales, if properly presented, will create a sense of urgency. We could control expenses better by knowing number of participants. All eggs will have prize and/or ticket and candy. We will need different colored tickets. Marilyn suggested each participant be given an egg carton so that number of eggs collected would be limited to 12.

David and Tara attended a disappointing egg hunt at the Weingarten. There were too many eggs, in plain view and not hidden. Not very good prizes for the cost.

Mike would like a prize list and logistics set up by February meeting.

Public Comment: None. General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Jim; second by David M. at 8:20 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline

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