

8 August 2018 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Dan Baudendistel Mike Koeneman Ryan Maitland David McGhee
 Jim Wolfe Diane Wickline

Guests: Mike Buehlhorn

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer John Budde

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 11 August 2018 minutes made by Dan, second by Jim. Minutes approved.

Santa House: Steve Pulley and Randy Woolard are joining the Santa volunteers. We are paying \$9 per hour – a raise from \$8.50 per hour in previous years. We still need more Santas. Swansea Dollar Tree gave us two boxes of toys that can be added to our supply of gifts for Santa's gift box. John B. made more lolly pops. Marilyn will need help putting information on the arrow sign near the Thomson Bldg. Sign will also be placed by the Santa House announcing Santa will be here December 1st during Spook-Tacular.

Spook-Tacular 2018: Dan spoke to Jack Tribout about changing bounce house to inflatable slide. Cost of wrist bands will be the same as last year -- \$5 for first and second child; \$15 for 3 or more children in the family.

Date is set for Saturday, October 27th, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 p.m.

TWM, city engineers, will provide two large poster boards with sponsor names for \$250. Would like to have sponsor names by Mon -Tues prior to event.

We need many more milk jugs and lights for wicked forest. We have 90 lights from last year – would like to increase to 300. Also, monster population in wicked forest will be increased. Mike Lupis private party will be included in festivities.

Mike K. will check with Grappa Mike Growlers for food truck recommendations. General Sherman declined for this year.

Five \$20 gift cards will be given as prizes for pumpkin contest. Contest judging will be divided into three age groups – 7 yrs. and below; 8 to 12 yrs.; 13 yrs. and older. Prizes awarded to three winners in each group. No costume parade. Flyers will be distributed to the schools.

Change and Additional Meeting Dates: Next meeting on October 6; additional meeting on October 22. We have the Lehr Bldg all week.

New Business: John B. informed us of grants the Village is applying for from St Clair County and MEPRD. \$33,000 available for trail from Mel Price down Boul Ave. Another possibility is fitness station combined in one area along walking trail. This is much better for maintenance. Village would have to put in \$15,000. Grants can be used in Mel Price or Schranz parks. Best option is to apply only for \$50,000 grant from MEPRD. Grants are awarded as soon as they get to MEPRD. County grant regulations allow only two years to complete project with no out of pocket necessary. All grant money is given at time of project completion. MEPRD allows three years to complete but has tighter regulations. No dog park toys is one of the restrictions.

Unfinished Business: None. Public Comment: Some good news of Jim Beimfohr. He doesn't have to have any toes removed. We wish him speedy recovery and look forward to having back with us.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by David; second by Ryan at 8:30 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline