16 January 2019 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Rose Connor Mike Koeneman David McGhee Diane Wickline
Ryan Maitland (excused)

Village Liaison: Marilyn Neumeyer

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 8 December minutes made by Rose, second by David. Motion approved.

Santa House: Marilyn provided spreadsheet of income and expenses for each member. This year we are negative $1792. It was necessary to replace the tripod, camera and printer. Camera and printer malfunctions resulted in reprinting many photos.

2019 Santa House. Marilyn would like to have members take over and be responsible for things like scheduling workers and overseeing photo and printing operations. Other suggestions include allowing pet photos, keeping website updated, providing complimentary hot chocolate for families waiting in line, illuminating trees behind the Santa House for safety as families leave. Caleb Kania is looking for an Eagle Scout project.

Adult Easter Egg Hunt: Marilyn will update donation letters and send them to members prior to Feb meeting.

Items discussed:

Make certain restrooms are open. Credit card use will be available. Check on getting food trucks. Look into BYOB liability insurance. Village assume liability? Admission (must be 18 years) and cost of egg cartons. $15 admission includes 1 carton. No discount for on-line or in-person payment. Additional cartons $10. DJ had such a fun time last year, he's agreed to work for free cartons. Information will be posted on Village website and Facebook.

Memorial Day Observance: May 27th. Set up starts at 7:30am, ceremony begins at 10:00am. We need a guest speaker. Would like to include POW Recognition. Hot dogs and comradery after close of formal ceremony.

New Business: Former Clinton Hills Golf Course is now Swansea's newest park. Clinton Hills Conservation Park is in the planning stage. Fletchers Restaurant will occupy the clubhouse. The large pavilion will be shared between Fletchers and the Village. There are 3 lakes on the 166-acre property. Swansea will be working closely with The Nature Conservancy. Some ideas are planting native grasses and flowers, the golf paths will be left as is and some acres will be available for sale. Swansea Building and Zoning will get fishing rules from IDNR.

Firemen's Christmas Parade: consider park board entry in parade, i.e., Santa house.

General Discussion: Patriots received a trailer from Rocky McDonald. Marilyn gave the trailer to the Village for use by the Park Board to build float for Firemen's Parade featuring the Santa House..

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Rose, second by David. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted by Diane Wickline