10 November 2018 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Dan Baudendistel, Rose Connor, Mike Koeneman, David McGhee, Jim Wolfe, Diane Wickline, (Ryan Maitland – excused)

Guests: Mike Buehlhorn, Jeff Parker, Rotary member

Village Liaisons: Marilyn Neumeyer

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

Approval of Minutes: October meetings minutes not available.

Spooktacular Wrap-up Report: We sold 77 arm bands; Mike K. noticed a few children without arm bands. Our brats and hot dogs were very well received. They were so delicious, and because of a donation from Mike Buehlorn, we were able to sell them at a very reasonable price. Next year we plan on adding chili to our menu. The children really enjoyed the ride and games. We will ask Tribout for more rides. Due to lack of manpower, Tribout couldn't provide the bounce house. The number of vehicles for trunks n treats seemed adequate for the number of children.

Jeff Parker said the Rotary Club would donate $500 to pay for arm bands for the children.

Suggestions for next year: If Mr. Lukens wants his Holloween party with our event, make his pavilion location closer to our activities. Put up small tents for rent closer to witch's area. Add more fire pits. Put arm band station closer to entrance to games n rides. Need about two hundred more lights and enough heavy load, grounded, extension cords. Big can opener for big cans of chili. Check woods area for dropped branches and add them to fire pits.

Huge thanks to John Budde and street crew workers for putting away all our boxes.

Santa House: Marilyn has enough Santas; Randy Willard and Caleb Kania are new Santas this year. We still need lots of Santa helpers. The police Explorers are helping again this year. Marilyn suggests notifying other members and the Explorers with dates you choose. Lockers in the Santa House need coat of varnish. Mike K. will donate 1000 flyers. David M. suggested contacting Lindenwood and SWIC for helpers.

Adult Easter Egg Hunt: David M. volunteered to chair 2019 event. Date chosen is Friday, April 12. Sunset at 8:17, doors open at 7:00 pm, egg hunt starts at 8:30. Put ticket in every egg. Will have to come inside to match ticket numbers to prizes. Should have enough cartons – need lots more candy. Get DJ by beginning of March, also donation info to sponsors. If we see a good deal on item that would be a suitable prize, buy it and turn in bill.

New Business: Mike informed us the county board awarded $172,000 grant to Swansea for shared use fitness center on our walking trail in Mel Price Park. No match money is required. Proposed 1/4-mile loop trail will include the fitness center and extend 1/8 mile on each side of fitness center.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Dan Baudendistel resigned today. He is moving to Milstadt today. We all thank you for everything you've done to make our parks better. All the hours of work you put in to make our events and projects successful. We wish you and your family every blessing in your new home.

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

Submitted by Diane Wickline