

20 April 2019 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Rose Connor     Mike Koeneman     David McGhee     Diane Wickline  
                         Ryan Maitland     Jim Wolfe

Village Liaison: Marilyn Neumeyer

Guests: Mayor Leopold     Trustees: Rocky McDonald and Steve Pulley

President Mike opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00am, followed by discussion of Agenda Items.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 9 March minutes made by Ryan, second by David.

Memorial Day Observance: Ceremony is coming together. Ivan Woods will be our speaker; Steve Pulley is our MC; Westview Baptist Church Choir will provide music and song; and at least 20 more names have been added to our veterans' recognition list.

Wrap-up Adult Easter Egg Hunt: Thank you to all who helped with the egg hunt. So many put in so much work to make this year more successful than last. Approximately 80 people attended. Income generated \$1500, expenses \$800, profit \$700 (figures rounded up – Marilyn provided spreadsheet). We had positive comments from almost everyone. Santa's rocking chair was big hit, especially when a non-winner kept bargaining with the winner to buy it. One couple won a bottle of wine. Their complaint was that they didn't drink so had no use for the wine and asked for something else in place of wine. Listing of winning tickets was a very good idea.

Suggestions for next year: make all cartons \$15; make at least 100 copies of winning ticket list; encourage advance registration. Mayor Leopold suggested that we think about the reason for our egg hunt. Do we want to make money or have a community service event?

Belleville East Cross-Country at Clinton Hills Park: Belleville East would like to use Clinton Hills for its cross-country meets. Dates for this year are Aug 29, Oct 19 and Oct 29. They would also like to have State meets in the future. They say that this is the best location for the runs and are set up one to two years in advance. Saturday events are scheduled early in the morning, so conflict with a wedding should be rare. Motion to allow Belleville East to use Clinton Hills for cross-country meets. Motion to approved by David, second by Ryan. Motion approved.

Party has already rented pavilion for next week. Village will have to purchase more tables to accommodate the party. Goal is to replace all old tables by end of year.

New Business: Discuss Clinton Hills Park uses. Picnic areas will be designated – no pavilions.

Trash barrels to be placed around green spaces.

Alcohol regulations are in effect for all Swansea parks. Biggest concern for our Police is visibility.

Fletchers wants to convert an old putting green to an outdoor seating area.

Place benches along the walking paths. Benches can be memorial dedications to help fund cost.

Fishing regulations. Pond will be posted as "catch and release" to prevent being fished out. Some days will be designated as kids fishing days. Heartland

Conservancy will be given the 18<sup>th</sup> hole area as their conservation project. Long

range plan: Boating regulations for paddle boats. Village employee to be in charge, no personal equipment allowed. Designate storage building for equipment. Fee

structure for large pavilion near Fletchers. Everyone to reserve thru the Village.

Information signs prepared by Village staff include maps for trails and facilities, mileage, you are here, etc. Eagle scout to mark golf cart trail.

New Business Cont'd: Park regulations review for Clinton Hills. Meet Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 pm, in the pavilion. Golf cart will be available at 5:00 pm for drive around the park.

Fund raiser for Park. Sparky Entertainment (business partner with Steve Pulley) features dueling pianos. They encourage guests to donate for music requests. This money is donated to charity. Steve will donate \$1000 toward \$2200 fee. Rocky will contribute \$1000. Marilyn offered Patriots to cover \$2200. Patriots will sponsor event and get prizes for auction. Request Sparky Entertainment to attend this meeting. Request Fletchers allow use of the space under deck and adjacent outside area. This area can probably seat 300 people. Can rent a large tent in case of rain.

Unfinished Business: Kickball league. All participants must sign waivers and be approved by the Village. There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by David. Meeting adjourned at 8:55am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline