

15 June 2019 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Rose Connor      Barb Kimutis      Mike Koeneman      Ryan Maitland  
David McGhee      Diane Wickline      Jonas Wilson      Jim Wolfe

Guest: Mike Buehlhorn

Village Liaison: Marilyn Neumeyer      Brian Wells

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 11 May minutes with correction of Karvas to Korves made by Ryan, second by Rose.

Memorial Day Wrap-Up: Our Memorial Day Ceremony was great. Our speaker, CMSgt Ivan Woods, was very good. He shared many stories of his experiences while on active duty and as a civil servant after retiring from the Air Force. Chief Ivan resides at Morningside Assisted Living Center. Several veterans who also live at Morningside and some of their family members joined us for the first time. This year, our attendance was one of the highest in several years.

Lack of communication resulted in the boy scout troops not being here to set out the flags. Park board members joined in and the flags were quickly put in place. Suggestions for next year: switch the speakers to the opposite side of the pavilion, to allow color guard to stand in the shade for the ceremony; clean off the memorial bricks in front of the fountain; contact people at Vet Center; only serve two varieties of chips. Any other suggestions – let Marilyn know.

Spooktacular: Ask Jack Korves for price of two rides and a bounce house. We have enough prizes for this year's. Marilyn's son will check all outlets. Jim W and Mike both have large grills for the brats. Too slow using the grills next to pavilion. Reposition Mike Lukens – ask him where he would like to be. Arrange to meet at the park for choosing pavilion. Put save-the-date notices in the newspaper and on Village website and Facebook.

Request to Use Pavilions A and B at Schranz Park for Back to School Event: Recommend use of A and B pavilions only and waive pavilion use fees.

Review Swansea Park Rules and Regulations as Written in Village Ordinances: Regarding ponds at Clinton Hills – allow catch and take fishing because of the many small bass. This will be temporary until fish are properly managed.

Provide vehicle to transport injured people and for police use.

New Business: Fund raiser for Clinton Hills. Saturday, Sep 28. 4:00-5:00pm DJ time. Beer, wine and soda provided at no charge. Cash bar available. We will provide tables and set up. Fletcher's will make the food.

Dueling pianos 2-3 performances. Tip jars in place for requesting songs. Rivalry to play or not play requested song. Tip jars usually bring in around \$1900. This money goes directly to us. Auction for big items, provide video for promotion.

Suggested sponsor items: good benches (about \$600) plus foundation. Cart track is 5 ½ miles. Place bench at each half mile. Aeration fountains for each lake. Redesign cart trails. Arrange tables to showcase what we want. Have golf carts available for tours.

Motion to have dueling pianos made by Ryan, second by Jason. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

General Discussion: Mike B. provided information regarding funding sources for which the Village can compete. Some money will be released next year; other funds will be released over the next several years. There are ten pools of money sourcing various projects. It's a very complicated process. Large part of one funding source is legalizing recreational marijuana and gaming. Legal recreational marijuana is expected to be funded by January 2020. Gaming will take much longer. The DCEO organization funds projects including conservation, parks, bike trails, bridges, brick and mortar, etc. Funds may be available for some projects as early as July 1<sup>st</sup>. Other projects will be on-going over a six-year period. It is probable that Clinton Hills will get some funding this year. Another source of funding is through the OSLAT organization. Its focus is open spaces. Mike will continue to attend all St Clair County board meetings and keep us apprised of all developments. This is our time to plan for developing our parks. Thank you, Mike.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by David, second by Jim. Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline