

9 December 2017 Swansea Park Board Meeting Minutes

Norman Lehr Bldg, Mel Price Park

Members Present: Jim Beimfohr Dave Chevess Mike Koeneman David McGhee  
Diane Wickline

Guests: John Kelley Jim Wolfe

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 11 Nov 2017 minutes made by Jim; second by David M.

Introduction of Guests: Mike asked our guests to introduced themselves tell a little about their interest in our parks. John Kelley is a retired nurse, his wife is a Doctor. They have three high school aged children. Jim Wolfe is retired from the Air Force. He has two grown children. Jim and his family use the park a lot. He would like to take an active part in our parks' development.

Mike gave short overview of Park Board activities as well as history of our Santa House and invited input from each of our guests

Santa House: Marilyn will be back from Chicago tomorrow after being with her son during his surgery and hospital stay. She continued updating the volunteer roster while in Chicago. We always look for ideas on getting the word out about our Santa House. Check on listing Santa visiting hours on Fire House marque.

We especially encourage our guests to participate. Each shift needs three helpers. It's always fun interacting with parents and children. Especially rewarding is getting that crying baby or timid or frightened child to smile and enjoy Santa. Photos with Santa are \$5.00 donation each and parents are more than welcome to take their own photos. Each child gets to choose a candy cane, a hand-made ornament from the Christmas tree, and a gift from Santa's toy box. It's all about the children, but we have a good time being Santa's elves.

Spring Project: Bob Trentman. Three trees along the walking trail need suckers removed.

High Mount Underbrush. Clear underbrush from the school along Boul to park. Concern with a lot of poison ivy in this area. Members of the school's Junior National Honor Society will volunteer. Diane will coordinate with John to set work date by January Park Board meeting.

Committee Reports: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Unfinished Business: Adult Easter egg hunt. David's wife Tara worked with the Brentwood Park event last year. It was well received and profitable. Number of attendees required for profitability was determined. Tickets were sold in advance.

Each egg had a prize. Sponsor prizes and bigger prizes had number in egg correspond to master list. Alcohol prizes were included. Food trucks? Jim volunteered as our egg-stuffer. Proposed date is Friday, Mar 23d.

General Discussion: None.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Jim; second by David M. at 8:25 am.

Submitted by Diane Wickline