

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2006
Village Hall 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission convened by Jeff Benes and was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Call to order and roll call

Members Present:

Jeff Benes, Chairman
Julie Konvalinka
Wayne Foresta
Tom Kessell
Gina Wolf

Others Present:

Mike Haley, Village Administrator
Laurie Stahl, Parks Director
Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary

Approve Minutes from July 19, 2006 regular meeting as presented

Upon motion made by Tom Kessell and seconded by Wayne Foresta, the minutes of the July 19, 2006 Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting were approved. Julie Konvalinka arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Communications

Public Comment Period:

Questions from concerned citizens at the Village of Antioch Park Board Meeting on 8/16/06 are as follows:

1. Why was the Williams Park Site not considered for the site of the new Aquatic Center? –Mr. Malsh
2. Why was the question not asked on the survey regarding whether residents wanted this recreation center at all? -Mr. Malsh
3. Where will water come from? Our water supply in Antioch is restricted. –Mrs. Malsh
4. What was the cost on each facility that was toured by PHN and the Park Board members? Where is the money for a new facility coming from? –Mr. Kurth
5. Has a market Analysis been done on what impact this facility will have on surrounding homes? Will each person in the audience get a personal letter with answers to these questions? With money needed for a Sewage Treatment Plant and Road Repairs, where will the money come from to fund this? Is the money available now to fund this project? -Mr. Alberts

6. Can you guarantee there will be no tax increase?
7. Has any soil testing been done as of yet? –Mr. Long
8. Why has a sign been put up on the property if this is a concept plan? –Mr. Fritz
9. Have any studies been done on the Wetlands? Any studies from EPA on noise and lighting? State of IL study on traffic? –Mr. Grinnischi

Residents were told by Mike Haley, Administrator that they will receive answers in writing.

PHN Presentation on Recreational Center & Survey: Alan James from PHN made a presentation which showed 9 concept plans for the Bitner site with the entrance across from Nelson Rd. All plans consisted of an indoor pool, an outdoor pool, recreation center, parking, buffering and landscaping. There is buffer designed on the South end to protect the Arbors neighborhood in most designs. There was discussion of movable walls or a roof that can be opened or closed to create one pool for both indoor and outdoor purposes. PHN is doing some research on this.

Thor Guard Lightning Prediction Presentation: This is a Prediction system that reads energy in the atmosphere, it is not a detection device. This system can predict the threat of lightning in a 2-mile radius and is 97% accurate when the potential of lightning is present even though it may not actually strike. The main base of the system would be placed at Williams Park with another horn placed at Centennial Park. The mile radius is a safety zone. The earliest sign of a clear signal would be 10 minutes. Systems cannot be linked together but you can purchase a stand-alone system. Quote of \$13,050 given in February 2005 still stands.

Reports

Chairman

New Agenda Format: Jeff told members of the new agenda format he is trying out, asked for any input or changes from board. There were no objections.

Master Park Plan: Jeff is interested in the Park Board developing a Master Park Plan. He is looking into Lindenhurst and Pleasant Prairie for ideas on cost, park layouts, and future development.

Other Business:

- Jeff said that it might be time to look into Antioch becoming a park district. A referendum for a Park District was voted on over 10 years ago and the community has changed a lot since then. A copy of an email from Village Attorney on things that need to be looked into. Jeff will try to find out more information on what the process would be, whether or not it would be something to pursue, and what the advantages would be. Use last attempt as a guide on what to do and what not to do. One benefit would be that instead of being a Department of the Village, a Park District would become its own taxing body and would have more money to work

with for improvements. Park District Board Members would be elected, not appointed.

- Jeff is also look into sponsorships for park funding. He found a source that can help with this. He would like to have them come out and talk at a future meeting this fall. DuPage Forest Preserve has PetCo Park through sponsorship.
- A date for a public hearing on the concept plan and community input for the Recreation Center needs to be decided on. Will try to get 60 days notice given, possibly in October. Date will be publicized.

Director

- **Totem Pole update:** Joe Utter gave an update to the Park Board on his Eagle Scout project by refurbishing the totem pole in the Sawmill Park. This project benefits the citizens of Antioch, and the Parks and Recreation Department. This project lasted a total of 4 days equaling about 91 hours of work. A plaque is being ordered to place under the totem pole to recognize Joe and his helpers for their hard work.
- **2006-2007 Program Guide:** Sent to printer and will be sent out to public the first week of September by delivering to all schools in the area.
- **Pool Closes:** Sunday August 27, 2006
- **Day Camp:** Ended August 11, 2006. Survey filled out by parents shows they were very pleased with this program.
- **Park Improvement Plan Progress:** Tennis courts have been re-surfaced at Centennial Park and Jensen Park and Drive Way re-paved at the Scout House. Basketball court at Jensen also re-paved.
- **Friends of the Park:** North Park & Jensen Park on Saturday August 26, 2006, 9-noon.

Engineer

Trevor Creek Update: Keith Fujihara was not able to attend. Laurie said they did not have an update on Trevor Creek at this time. There were residents at the meeting that wanted answers on when this park will be developed. Laurie said she would have a plan drawn up so they could have it for their next Home Owners Assoc. meeting. She has quotes on playground equipment and a shelter. The dirt removal has not been done as of yet, it will be completed by the fall.

Tim Osmond Sports Complex: the Antioch Lions Club gave \$15,000 to the fund. Between the Village, the Township and the Raymond Chevrolet car Fund Raiser, a total of \$280,000 has been raised so far. Larry Monde from Baskin Robins won the car. The ParkPalooza fundraiser will be held on September 16th at the Antioch Band Shell. Admissions will be \$5.00.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-July

Financial reports were looked over. Reports will be updated once a quarter for new developments.

New Business

Mother/Son bowling night: Sunday September 17th from 4-6 p.m. Open to Antioch residents now for \$20.00 a couple. Non-resident registration begins September 5th for \$30.00 a couple. Each additional son is \$10.00. Limited space (140 bowlers). Volunteers needed to help with event. Cost covers bowling, photo, hot dog, and chips.

Additional Items

- Tom Kessell- Look into Kite Flying event. Becoming a statewide event, article found in the July/August issue of Park & Rec.
- Julie- Look into floor mats to go under swings at all parks to help stop divots.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Village of Antioch Park Commission, Tom Kessell made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Wayne Foresta. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Benes, Chairperson

Laura Mihovilovich, Acting Secretary