

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2007
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
Tom Kessell
Wanda Utter
Gina Wolf
Jim Weber
Wayne Foresta

Others Present:

Laurie Stahl, Director

Members Absent

Julie Konvalinka
Secretary, Laura Mihovilovich

Pledge

Approve Minutes from August 15, 2007 regular meeting as presented.

Upon a motion made by Tom Kessell and seconded by Wanda Utter the August 15, 2007 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting were approved. Laura is taking a class on Wednesdays so until a new park board secretary is appointed, meetings will be recorded and Laurie Stahl will take notes. Laura Mihovilovich will type minutes from recording and notes.

Communications

Reports

Chairman

Bitner Property- The Village Board has instructed the finance director to hire a financial consultant to look into revenue streams and determine cost feasibility. Joy has contacted John Miller from Crowe, Chizek & Co. He will contact Laurie and Jeff to discuss the project and will give a proposal to the Village on an "affordability study" at a cost to the Village up to \$5,000.

Engineering Report

None

Wayne Foresta arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Parks Director

Mother/Son bowling event recap: Went well. Opened two lines for pictures to create a shorter line. A parent suggested calling people up for pictures by lanes. A suggestion was also made to look into a new idea for mother/son event. However, many good comments about the event were also made. Music was pop music that can be heard on the radio, but was a little too loud. Antioch Bowl employees were very helpful and accommodating. All park board members agreed that

one bad comment does not make the event bad. Everyone was in agreement to continue with the event next year.

Trevor Creek Park: The playground equipment has been delivered. Public Works has cut the grass this week. Getting ready for installation. Will be installed in original position as drawn up by Engineering department. Will be Arbor Day Site for 2008. Laurie said if everyone is in agreement, the name of the park would be Trevor Creek Park. She would like to add a park sign and some decorative fencing to match the neighborhood entrance sign. Everyone was in agreement on the name of the park.

Lake County Parks Director meetings: Laurie attended a Lake County Parks Director meeting last week in Lake Bluff to discuss with the area park district directors about different issues. Many of them with indoor and outdoor pools said that the outdoor pool supports the indoor pool. Indoor pools are very expensive to build, maintain, and staff. When discussing an Olympic size pool with PHN, they discouraged that size because it is very expensive. Locations that have high school pool didn't have indoor pool in their aquatic center. Pool needs to be regulation size for swim team. They also suggested that if you do build an indoor pool, in order to make it profitable, it should not just be a rectangular lap pool, but have a zero depth area also and play area so that it can be used for birthday parties etc.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-June 2007

Finance Director sent an email to Laurie asking for permission to close the separate bank account for the Park Acquisition Fund. She said the money would still have its own accounting because it is in a separate budget fund. Park board said they were ok with closing this account as long as they had a detailed report of revenue and expenditures. They were also concerned that they are now collecting approximately \$900 per month in interest and did not want to lose that interest. Laurie will contact Joy concerning this. Park Board also asked for a couple of changes to the Park Fee Report from the Building Dept. Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Other Business

Laurie- There will be a Skate Park competition on Sunday, October 7, 2007. All participants have to sign our waiver and receive their permit sticker, and also sign a waiver from LoLo Skate Company. Laurie said she was glad to see this and will see how it goes and may have the Parks Dept. sponsor this event next year.

Gina-Father/son ideas from the tribune: rocket or boat launch, soap-box or cardboard boat race.

Jim-Did we find out about the Neuman Home money? Laurie gave to Dustin to look into. Could we do a 50/50 raffle at parks events to raise money for parks department? Tom suggested using the money for a specific purpose instead of just the parks department such as the Tim Osmond Sports Park. Wayne wanted to go on record that he is and always has been against raffles.

Tom- Status of Clublands park development? Parkland has not been turned over to the Village yet. Needs to be mowed. This would be Neumann's responsibility since it is not the Village property now.

Wayne- Where is our liaison? Jeff has tried several times to make contact with Trustee Caulfield and has had no response. Jeff said that he has emailed and tried to phone him and he always receives the Park Board packet. There was discussion from all board members on how they would like to have representation from the Village Board at the park board meetings. It was always helpful when Dorothy and Bob McCarty attended when they were chairs of the park committee. **After much discussion, a motion was made by Wanda Utter and seconded by Tom Kessell that a letter be sent by Chairman Benes on behalf of the Park Board to Trustee Caulfield requesting representation at the Park Board meetings. If the liaison cannot attend, one of the other members should be sent in his place. All in favor of this motion.** Send copy of letter to Village Board, Mayor, and Village Administrator.

Jim- Jeff should also contact Julie Konvalinka about her absences at the Park Board meetings to determine her commitment to her position on the board.

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 Gina Wolf. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Benes, Chairperson

Laura Mihovilovich, Acting Secretary