

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 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.

Roll call

Members Present:

Jeff Benes, Chairman
Julie Konvalinka
Wayne Foresta
Tom Kessell
Gina Wolf
Wanda Utter
Jim Weber

Others Present:

Dorothy Larson, Mayor
Laurie Stahl, Parks Director
Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary

Approve Minutes from August 16, 2006 regular meeting as presented- Some park board members did not receive their packets in the mail before the meeting, therefore they were handed out at the meeting. Wayne Foresta motioned that the minutes be should be approved at the October 18th meeting so they have time to review them. Julie Konvalinka seconded the motion.

Communications

Public Comment Period:

- Kathy Bose of 98 Netherlands handed out a 3-page letter of questions and statements. Asked that it be copied for park board, Mayor and Laurie Stahl to be read at their leisure.
- Pat Malch of 76 Netherlands brought in pictures of parks that need attendance. The Sawmill Park had a dead tree and a post sticking up from ground, and Williams Park shed needs painting and such.
- Mike Long of 45 Netherlands had questions as to how the Park Board meetings are run and when there is time allowed for public questions.
- Stuart Malch of 76 Netherlands also provided pictures of Saw Mill Park and branches that were piled in the parking lot by the Village where there were No Dumping signs posted.

Harger Lightning Detector Presentation: Keith Pacholsky and Justin Chamberlain presented a lightning protection system. Harger has been in business since 1960. This system is not a prediction system but a detection system. There would be a base at each of the following parks: Centennial, Williams, and Pedersen. All of these bases have a back up battery and you can add on sirens. There is a 20-mile detection radius (reads actual lightning). The transmitter and computer system would be based at the Parks Building and that has a 3-mile radius. There are three tones for this system, at 20 miles you have a caution tone, at 10 miles you have a warning tone, and at 5 miles you have an alarm. This system is ground to cloud, and cloud to cloud. There is no cleaning necessary for this system and no false alarms. After an alarm has gone off there is a 30 minutes count down before an all clear sound. If lightning is detected in that time, the count down starts over again. The transmitter controls operation hours so the system can be put on a timer.

Reports

Chairman

New Board Member: Wanda Utter is welcomed to the Park Board.

Answers to August 16th Questions: Answers read aloud by Park Board Secretary, Laura Mihovilovich. (See attached sheet).

Other Business: The proposition of becoming a Park District will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Director

Other Business: Fall and Winter Books went out.

Mother Son Bowling: Recap reviewed. Great event, profit of \$341.95. Ideas for Mother/Daughter Tea and Father/Son ball game or golf date nights are being considered for the future.

Recreation Center Update: There will be a Community Input Meeting held at the ACHS Commons on October 23rd at 7:00pm. This information will be put in the Newsletter and Newspapers as well as being posted at the Parks Department, Village Hall, and Schools. The nine concept plans will be presented and comments will be taken on what the community would like to see or not see.

Friends of the Park: Moved to September 30th at Osmond Park.

Engineer

Keith was not able to attend but sent a report.

Trevor Creek Update: Silt fences have gone up and the dirt was scheduled to be moved on September 27th. A park plan designed by Village staff was presented. This plan will be available to residents and the Homeowners Association meetings upon request.

Tim Osmond Sports Complex: The grant application has been turned in and in January the Village will be contacted as to whether or not they will receive additional funding via the OSLAD grant to help build the complex. The Park-Palooza concert took place on Sept. 16th to help raise funds for the park also. There is about \$280,000 in the fund so far.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-August

Financial Reports were reviewed.

New Business

Fencing at North Park: A resident from Antioch Manor North asked that the Village look into installing a fence along the railroad track at North Park. Cost will be researched, and the length needed will be measured. Village Insurance Company will also be consulted on this issue.

Further discussion at October Meeting.

- Julie- Asked Laurie if she would be attending the Park and Recreation Conference. Yes Laurie and Debbie Forester attend every year. It was not budgeted to send the Park Board Members to the conference this year.
- Tom- Would like to have a meeting put together for the Park Board members, the Village Engineer and the Lightning Detection System reps for more information and answers to any questions. Wayne and Jim also said they would attend such meeting. Tom would also like to have the issues brought up by Mr. & Mrs. Malsch looked into by Public Works. Laurie will give the photos to Public Works Dept.

- Field usage policy needs to be updated with rules on lightning during play. Organizations should cease play when lightning is seen. Once the system is installed there is to be no play until safe signal is sounded.
- Parkpalooza raised about \$2000 for the Tim Osmond Park. The music was great but the event was not very well attended. At the fundraising meeting, all the organizations that plan on using the fields in the future were asked to hold fundraisers to raise money in the next few years.
- Gina would like to look into paving the parking lot at the Saw Mill Park. Laurie said she would put this on next year's park improvement plan.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Village of Antioch Park Commission, Wanda Utter made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Tom Kessell. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Benes, Chairperson

Laura Mihovilovich, Acting Secretary