

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 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 7:02 p.m.

Call to order and roll call

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Dorothy Larson, Mayor
Laurie Stahl, Director

Members Absent

Wayne Foresta

Pledge

Approve Minutes from September 19th, 2007 regular meeting as presented.

Upon grammatical errors being corrected a motion was made by Tom Kessell and seconded by Wanda Utter for the September 19th, 2007 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting to be approved.

Communications

Reports

Chairman

Master Park Plan- Jeff plans to regroup after the holidays and possibly have a separate meeting to discuss only the master park plan in January 2008.

A letter was sent to Trustee Caufield about attendance at Park Board meetings but there has been no response to Jeff or Laurie. Appreciation was shown to Mayor Larson for coming to the meetings and representing the Village. Park Board members stated that they were disappointed that Trustee Caufield has not shown up or responded to the letter.

Engineering Report

No Report.

Parks Director

Trevor Creek- Playground equipment has been delivered and installation has begun on swings. All equipment should be installed in a few weeks.

Restructure of Parks Department- With Claude's retirement, there has been some restructuring of that dept. The special events department is now part of the parks dept. Laurie is taking applications for Special Events Supervisor. Donna Bevan is a special events coordinator and will also be joining the parks department. Special Events will take care of all events for the Village, such as the concerts and Halloween Howl, etc. as well as the events that the Parks Department currently runs. Laurie will oversee all events.

Christmas Parade- Friday, November 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Wanda, Jim, Tom and Gina all plan to volunteer to help with the parade line-up. The line-up will be on Skidmore Dr. beginning at 5:30 p.m. and follow Park Ave. to Main St. to Orchard, Lake St. and then back down Park Ave. The skate competition went very well and had a great turn out. (Laurie has photos). A few residents called to say what a great event it was and that it was run very professionally. Laurie plans to try to sponsor a few more next year.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-September 2007

Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Other Business

December meeting- Have ideas for Park Improvement Plan.

Gina questioned why the ladies bathroom had no doors on the stalls at Centennial Park.

Tom mentioned a photo contest again with the possibility of making a calendar out of the pictures. He would like to talk about it in more detail at a future date. Any suggestions are welcomed. Tom also mentioned that he would like to be informed of any deaths of Village members or their family members. Laurie said she would forward all emails about this.

Jim wondered whether Neumann Homes has paid the Village for the land that they used for the water tank. Dustin is still working on it. Dorothy said that Neumann is having some financial difficulties right now. Jim also asked if we looked into taking down the fence in the property next to the Scout House to make a nice walking path to the Sawmill. Laurie thinks that the land may be part of the water treatment plan and we would have to see what the plan for the water treatment plant looks like.

Laurie will ask Lee about the lightning detection system. The system will be turned off around December 1st for the winter and then turned back on in early March. Laurie will see if she can get a print out of the activity report.

Julie has been to Pedersen Park for football during lightning and the detector did not go off but she said it could have looked closer than it was and that is why it wasn't detected. She also asked if AUGS is going to install a system because the system in town can't be heard from there. They have been contacted by Harger but Laurie is not sure what their response was.

Osmond Sports Complex is moving along on Phase I. Steve Turner would like to have a parks Co-op meeting in there in the near future so everyone can see the progress. Laurie will let everyone know when that is.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Village of Antioch Park Commission, Jim Weber made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Wanda Utter. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The November meeting will be canceled since it is the night before Thanksgiving. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Benes, Chairperson

Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary