

**Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
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 7:18 p.m.

Call to order and roll call

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Dorothy Larson, Mayor
Jill Velan, Village Administrator
Bob McCarty, Trustee
Dustin Nilsen, Director of Planning and Zoning
Laurie Stahl, Director
Shawn Roby, Special Events Supervisor
Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary

Pledge

Approve Minutes from February 20, 2008 regular meeting as presented.

Upon a motion made by Jim Weber and seconded by Wanda Utter, the February 20, 2008 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting were approved. Wayne Foresta passed on this vote due to his absence at the February meeting.

Communications

Bruce Goeckner- New President of AYLL. He wanted to introduce himself to the board and continue to have open communication about the Osmond fields and future bookings. Trustee McCarty and Mayor Larson extended thanks on behalf of the Village for keeping a positive attitude and always offering assistance with our parks.

Reports

Chairman

Walking Path- Dustin Nilsen proposed that (in terms of costs and maintenance an at-grade trail would be preferred, but would require additional permitting from the Army Corp of engineering due to its impact on existing wetlands), the other alternative would be an above grade boardwalk which would be more costly in terms of installation and maintenance, but would not have the impact upon the wetlands in the area. Both options would provide access from the existing village sidewalk to the Bitner property. The proposed trail extension could intertwine this path to existing Village trails and the Lake County Forest Preserve Trail.

Aquatic Center Update- Jill Velan, Village Administrator introduced herself to the Park Board and stated that Laurie has given her all the background information on the pool project and she will be meeting with Laurie to discuss this soon. The Village Board is

looking at a new Resolution after rescinding the resolution that named the Bitner property the future location of the Winnie Sorensen Aquatic Center. Jill stated that a referendum is most likely needed for funding an Aquatic Center. Once a time frame is in place a joint meeting between the Village Board and the Park Board may then be advised. Wayne Foresta stated that the park board is very frustrated with the project being delayed. The Park Board has worked very hard on this project for many years at the request of the Village Board and now the Village Board is disregarding all that work.

Engineering Report

No Report

Parks Director

Easter Parade/Hunt recap- This year the egg hunt was held under the pavilion due to poor weather conditions on the field. Hay was laid out and the eggs were placed on top. This worked out well and many compliments were given. The hunt was sponsored by Wal-Mart. Camp Crayon made a total of \$295.00 with a hundred dollar donation made by Town Community Bank & Trust. Next year parade volunteers/employees should wear vests for easier public assistance.

Upcoming events- Spring and Summer Brochures will be out on March 21st. Summer Day Camp registration will be held on Saturday April 12th from 9-12 for Antioch residents only. Mother/Daughter Tea is May 4th. Tickets are available April 7th. Pageant applications will also be available April 7th and the pageant will be held on June 21st. The application fee is being raised to \$20.00 to help cover cost of pageant. April 19th is the grand opening for the Tim Osmond Sports Complex at 1:00 p.m.. Arbor Day is April 26th at Trevor Creek from 9:00 a.m. - noon. There will be a grand opening ceremony of the park at 9 a.m. Plans for Arbor Day will be available at the next Park Board meeting.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-February 2008

Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Other Business

The Skate Park is open and Public Works has gone through each park and made a list of maintenance needed in each park. They will be attending to those needs this spring.

Laurie is still looking into Father/Son event ideas. Shawn and Laurie are working with North Bridge Church who have shown interest in helping with such an event.

Tom- made mention of a kite fly again. Laurie said that it is too late for this spring but she will look into adding it to next year. Tom also wanted to note that he appreciates Mayor Larson and Trustee McCarty for attending the meeting and passing along info received to the other board members.

Jim- wants to reiterate that the Lindenhurst Park District isn't interested in a lap pool. The Bitner property was purchased with park acquisition money so if the Rec Center is not built there then a park needs to be put in its place or money returned to the Park Acquisition fund. Jim also mentioned that more Trustees should attend Park Board meetings before sharing ideas without proper information.

Jeff- wants to mention his disappointment in Trustee Caulfield's lack of attendance at Park Board Meetings and feels the park board needs to be able to share ideas and information with the Trustee Chairman of the Parks Committee.

Wayne- pointed out that the Bitner property is to be used for a recreation campus that will hold an aquatic center as well as a recreation center. It is a complete campus would hold more facilities than an aquatic center. This is why land with enough room was purchased.

Gina- mentioned that she thinks it is a great idea to point out all the work that has been done by the park commission concerning this project to the Village 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 Wayne Foresta.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Benes, Chairman

Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary