

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Village Hall 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission convened by Wayne Foresta and was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

Members Present:

Wayne Foresta
Tom Kessell
Gina Wolf
Wanda Utter
Cedric Johnson

Others Present:

Laurie Stahl, Director
Shawn Roby, Special Events Supervisor
Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary

A motion was made by Wanda Utter and seconded by Gina Wolf to appoint Wayne Foresta as substitute Chairman in the absence of Jim Weber for this evening's meeting.

Pledge

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2009 regular meeting as presented.

After a grammar correction was stated, a motion made by Wayne Foresta and seconded by Gina Wolf, the November 19, 2009 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting were approved. Cedric refrained from voting due to being a new member and not being present at the last meeting.

Communications

None

Reports

Chairman

Resignation from Jeff Benes- A letter was received from Jeff for his immediate resignation and accepted by Mayor Larson.

New Chairman: Mayor Larson appointed Jim Weber as the new Park Board Chairman.

New Member: Mayor Larson appointed Cedric Johnson as new member. Cedric said he is glad to be on the board and hopes to be the best he can be for the community by helping get things done.

Park Improvement Plan for 2009- The backstop for Trevor Creek was received. Shipment is being held on the shelter until the ground thaws on the property. Laurie is working on the budget now so she told the Park Board members to be thinking for ideas for park improvement. She is also working on capital improvement plan for 5-10 years out. She asked for help on ideas for that as well. Capital improvement projects must be necessary and over \$10,000. Laurie will budget for the community survey this year.

Parks Director

Recap of Christmas Parade- Went very well. Participation was up 100%. The parade route had to be doubled up because it overlapped. Tom mentioned the helpers did a great job too.

Upcoming Daddy Daughter Dance- the dance will be held on 2/7/09. 100 tickets left. Grass Lake School is having a Father/Daughter dance the same night. Laurie sent an email to the principal and asked to please avoid planning them for the same night if possible. The principal apologized and informed Laurie that the PTO plans this event and that he will pass along the email. It will benefit both events not to be held on the same night. Hillcrest School is also looking to start one of their own. Helpers are needed to set up for our event at 11-2 p.m. and then again at 6:30-9:30 p.m. for the dance.

2009 Calendar of Events- Laurie handed out a list of the events through the end of the year. The Mother/Son Bowling event was taken off because we are still thinking of a new event. Laurie suggested possibly a field day event at Williams Park. A few events need to be added to the list once the dates are locked in; Kite fly May 17, "It's not Napa", Boat Regatta and the Clean and Green Committee.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-November/December

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Other Business

Cedric- inquired about things that we can do as a Parks Department to create revenue for a recreation campus that pays for itself. Can we look into the proposed stimulus package for money to start building the recreation campus?

Wayne- Made a motion to put in a request to the Village Board to move the meetings of the Park Commission to 7:30 until further notice. If accepted it will need to be changed online.

Tom- inquired about the Kite Fly. Shawn is in the process of writing a request for proposal on the kite fly. The company has offered to come and do an exhibition.

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 Wanda Utter.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Foresta, Acting Chairman

Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary