

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Village Hall 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission convened by Jim Weber and was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Call to order and roll call

Members Present:

Jim Weber, Chairman
Wanda Utter
Tom Kessell
Cedric Johnson

Others Present:

Laurie Stahl, Parks Director
Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary

Member Absent

Wayne Foresta
Gina Wolf
Julie Konvalinka

Pledge

Approve Minutes from January 21, 2009 regular meeting as presented.

Upon a motion made by Wanda Utter and seconded by Cedric Johnson the January 21, 2009 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board were approved.

Communications

None

Reports

Chairman

Jim wanted to make sure park board members are assigned to a park to do monthly check-ups throughout the year. He would also like to continue meeting at different parks for park improvement ideas before the Park Board meetings beginning in May. The park assignments will be as follows:

Jim Weber- Sawmill

Wayne Foresta - Osmond/Jensen

Tom Kessell- North Park

Gina Wolf- Centennial

Wanda Utter- Williams

Cedric Johnson - Trevor Creek

Julie Konvalinka - Pedersen

Jim also mentioned he would like to look into bringing back the Soap Box Derby event.

Parks Director

Daddy Daughter Dance Recap- This was another successful year! Laurie would like to give a theme inspired frame every year as a gift. She really thought that worked out well this year. Next year we will have to look into another idea for pictures because this was our last year with

Polaroid film. The company has discontinued it. Cedric suggested having badges or arm bracelets for the volunteers so they can be easily identified. We had many helpers this year. The DJ was excellent. Jim suggested having more juice next year and less soda.

IAPD Park conference: seminar on conducting needs assessment surveys that build buy-in- Laurie gave everyone a copy of the power point presentation she viewed at this years IAPD conference. She also gave a copy to our Village Administrator and budgeted \$10,000 to do this survey in the 2009/10 fiscal year. Lindenhurst used this company and had nothing but good things to say about them. The company recommends doing the park survey and Village wide survey separate. This survey can be paid for out of park improvement money.

Park Improvement Plan 2009 Update- Laurie updated this list by adding a few components to some existing parks and plans to start on the Neumann Homes parks next year. Laurie would like to replace the water fountain at Centennial Park. She saw a fountain at her conference for \$3,500 and budgeted for it. She also budgeted for a seesaw at Jensen and standing pogo at Osmond and two at Williams and a standing seesaw at Pedersen. She will try to email the pictures to each member or bring pictures to next meeting. We are adding another opening to the playground area at Trevor Creek Park. A sidewalk will then be added to connect the new opening to the existing sidewalk. There was mention of making the new sidewalk out of personalized bricks like done at Centennial. Cedric said he would bring it up at his next Home Owners Association meeting to see if there would be any interest. Laurie said it may be too expensive to install but she would look into it. Cedric mentioned posting a sign or fence to keep snowmobilers out of the park in the winter months. Laurie is taking the Neumann Homes parks out of the park brochure until the settlements are finalized. These parks have not yet been deeded to the Village.

Easter Parade and Hunt 4/11/09- The hunt will be done under the pavilion again this year. This event is held from 9-12.

Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act- A copy of the act was handed out. The village is aware of it and we are taking steps to correct it. We are hopeful to become compliant by the time the pool is set to open on May 30th.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-January

Financial Reports were reviewed. Laurie will find out why we have paid for the gazebo for Trevor Creek even though we held shipment till spring. The backstop was delivered.

Other Business

Laurie mentioned she was looking into roller skating as a Mother/Son Event.

Cedric wanted to know if it was possible to make the open land at Trevor Creek an ice skating pond in the winter. We will look into that next winter. It may be a great place for it since it is visible by area residents.

Jim asked for an updated list of the park commission members before realizing it was right in front of him ☺

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Village of Antioch Park Commission, Cedric Johnson made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Wanda Utter. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Weber, Chairperson

Laura Mihovilovich, Acting Secretary