

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 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 7:34 p.m.

Members Present:

Jim Weber
Tom Kessell
Gina Wolf
Wanda Utter
Cedric Johnson
Wayne Foresta
Julie Konvalinka

Others Present:

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

Pledge

Approve Minutes from February 18, 2009 regular meeting as presented.

A motion made by Cedric Johnson and seconded by Wanda Utter, the February 18, 2009 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting were approved. Wayne and Gina refrained from voting due to being absent from the last meeting.

Communications

Reports

Chairman

Jim noted that he liked the idea of the Mother Son Skate Date. He mentioned that he agreed with the \$30 price and \$10 for each additional son. Jim will not be at the April meeting but he would like to start meeting at the parks in May. Williams will be the first park, members can meet at 7:00 p.m. and meetings will remain at 7:30 p.m.

Parks Director

Easter Parade and Hunt April 11, 2009- The parade will start at 10:30 and go from Park Ave. (Flo's) to Williams Street. The egg hunt will be under the pavilion again this year. Set up will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act update- we hired a firm, Metro Design who will be out to look at our pool. At this point they don't believe there is a reason to think we won't be able to meet the standards. The pool is set to open on May 30th.

Arbor Day, Saturday April 25, 2009 at Tim Osmond Sports Complex- 9-12 p.m.

Mother Son Skate Date, Saturday August 29- This event is set at \$30 a couple and \$10 for each additional son. This price includes pizza, pop, skating and a memento frame. The event will run from 3-5:30 p.m. and we can register up to 200 people.

Spring Clean and Green Day- May 30th. The clean up will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. in parks around town and the green portion will be held from 11:30-2:30 p.m. at the Bandshell. This event is informative only no group is allowed to sell items. Lunch will be served, hot dog and chips.

Kite Fly update- held at the Tim Osmond Sports complex. We are waiting on a call back to set a date. We are looking at a Saturday in June, most likely the 13th late morning or early afternoon.

Teen Nights in the Park, Friday evenings June-August- These events will take place from 7-9:30 p.m. The first three will be held at Williams Park and all others at the Bandshell. This will be geared toward Jr. High and High school students. A flyer will be sent out to be approved by Dist. 117 and Dist. 34.

Spring/Summer brochures are going out to the schools March 19th.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending- February 2009

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Other Business

Laurie mentioned that the gazebo for Trevor creek is being installed in May and the backstop will be put up in April.

Jim would like everyone to go through their park and make a check list of what needs to be done before the next meeting. Laurie will send out check list forms.

Gina asked when the bathrooms at Centennial would be opened. There was a 70 degree day in March where the Park was full with no bathrooms available. She also said that maybe we should put a sign up informing citizens of the dates they will be open. Laurie told her that we have to wait until the threat of frost is gone before we can open bathrooms. They opened the second week in April last year. Port-o-potties have been ordered and will be delivered the first week in April. Tom suggesting having them delivered before spring break next year. Gina also mentioned that the paint is chipping off the windows at the Scout House. She also wanted to know if we would be putting in a new fence between the Scout House and the Sawmill. Once the water treatment plant is completed we can look into new fencing and or path between. Gina wanted an update on the walking path near Osmond Park and how we are going to handle the flooding. Laurie said it was put on the Capitol Improvement Plan but it is not scheduled for this year in the plan. They are ranking all projects high, medium or low and there are other things that need to take priority.

Tom mentioned that he read in the IAPD Newsletter that Earth day is March 28th and it was requested that people turn off their lights from 8:30-9:30 to save power. Laurie mentioned that she would continue to forward the newsletters to the members of the board. Tom also wondered about an Eagle Eye watch program for our parks to keep people out after dusk. Laurie said she thought that program was too expensive. We do have a Park Watch in Effect Program and a Safety Button on our website to report anything going on in the parks. A sign will be put up at Trevor Creek stating that the "Park closes at dusk" and other park rules.

Julie mentioned that she went out to check on Pedersen Park this week and noticed there was a lot of garbage along the pathway and a garbage can in the water.. Laurie stated that public works started cleaning up this week and Shawn said that he would send Community Service workers out there to clean up. She also said that the roof shingles on the pavilion are beginning to fall off. Can a sign be hung with a fine for dumping or littering? There would have to be an ordinance established for this. Julie also asked about the lightning detection system, which will be turned on in April and mentioned that we should put new wood chips in each park. That is done every year.

Cedric looked into Trevor Creek Park and wondered if we could put up a sign to pick up after animals, can we fine if it is not cleaned up? Laurie will look into ordinance. He also mentioned we should get a larger "No Smoking" sign or relocate it so that it is more visible.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Village of Antioch Park Commission, **Gina Wolf made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Tom Kessell.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009 at Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Weber, Chairman

Laura Mihovilovich, Secretary