

RESOLUTION 20-18

**A RESOLUTION CANCELLING OR DEFERRING
CERTAIN CIVIC EVENTS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has resulted in gubernatorial orders which are currently in effect which restrict the mass gathering of people and require the closure of certain kinds of enterprises, including those operated by local municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the guidance from the Governor, the CDC and the IDPH strongly indicate that the pandemic and the restrictions associated therewith will continue for an indefinite period of time, likely well into the summer of 2020, if not beyond, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has regretfully considered the dangers to public health and wellbeing presented by the pandemic as well as the mandates of the gubernatorial orders, and has concluded that it is necessary and prudent to cancel or delay a number of civic events previously scheduled to be held over the next few months, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has considered the recommendations of the Park Director and the Village Administrator as set forth in the Memorandum dated April 28, 2020, attached as Exhibit A hereto, and concludes further that these recommendations are sound, prudent and necessary to protect the public health and wellbeing,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:


SECTION ONE: The recommendations of the Parks Director and Village Administrator in the Exhibit A Memorandum dated April 28, 2020 are hereby approved in all particulars.


SECTION TWO: The Parks Director and Village Administrator are directed to take any and all action necessary to implement fully their recommendations set forth in the Exhibit A memorandum.

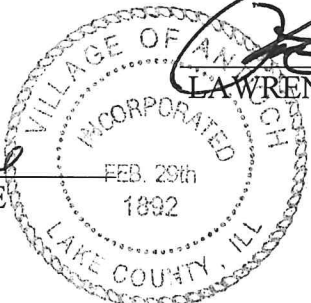
SECTION THREE: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,
ON THIS 11TH DAY OF MAY, 2020.

ATTEST:


LORI K. ROMINE, VILLAGE


LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR



The seal is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text "VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH" at the top and "LAKE COUNTY, ILL." at the bottom. The inner circle contains the text "INCORPORATED" at the top, "FEB. 29th" in the middle, and "1892" at the bottom.



REPORT TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: Administrator Keim with Director Kabrick Parks and Recreation
DATE: April 28, 2020
SUBJECT: Department Recommendations, Modifications, and Cancellations

Discussion

Staff has been instructed to make recommendations regarding services and events as it relates to the Park and Recreation Department's operations up to and including July 4, 2020.

Most suburban communities have made recommendations to cancel all community events scheduled through June and up to and including July 4, 2020. The recommendation is to cancel the 4th of July parade, the 5K Freedom Run, and in speaking with Mad Bomber, Antioch's 2020 Firework vendor, we are at leisure to reschedule the firework display for a future date without penalty. June special event cancellations would include the spring/summer wine walk scheduled for May 9th and then postponed to June 27th, the summer concert series on June 11th, 18th and 25th, and Antioch's Street Market scheduled for Sunday, June 28th. Antioch's pageant scheduled for June 20th should be postponed to a date later in the summer.

Moreover, it is recommended that the Senior Center remain closed to public operations indefinitely and serve as a staffed resource center for residents to contact for information or to request help with services and/or individual needs. The goal is to keep Antioch residents and their families safe in an environment that would make social distancing requirements very difficult to enforce from a public safety perspective.

Additionally, the department recommends delaying the opening and postponing the decision to open the Antioch Aquatic Center. During the month of June aquatic center managers would be faced with significant challenges regarding training all AAC employees in basic operations and lifesaving skills, but also training staff to navigate through the threat that the Covid-19 pandemic poses to normal operating procedures. The department should look at the implementation of additional policies and procedures, with guidance from the CDC, in order to open safely for both residents and staff. Modifications that have already been identified in this early stage may include limiting our capacity, limiting concession sales to pre-packaged foods only, closing operations periodically for cleaning, supplying staff with personal PPE, temperature checks, handwashing, and personal belonging sanitization logs for each staff member, and extensive guidance from first responders on how to handle a rescue knowing that Covid-19 will remain a threat. Additionally, program modifications would include the cancellation of all swim lesson programs and aquatic

special events for the season. Further, with the decision to open the facility delayed, the Antioch Waves Swim Team will be notified of our process so that they may proceed in a manner they see fit for their organization.

As highlighted above, the Covid-19 pandemic poses significant challenges to park and recreation programs regarding social distancing requirements while keeping our staff and participants safe. It is the recommendation that the summer camp start date be postponed to July 6, 2020. The summer camp program would face challenges associated with check in/out and activity procedures, modifications of group size, temperature checks, handwashing, and personal belonging sanitization logs for each camper/staff member and the cancellation of all bussing and field trips. With smaller group sizes, and 2 counselors per 12 campers, the program would have to be spread across several sites and should not include all-camp activities. Campers or staff members with any sign of illness would immediately be isolated from the group and sent home. Also, a rigorous cleaning and disinfecting routine may then be associated with group sites, equipment, supplies, and any other common areas or surfaces relevant to the camp program. It is further recommended that the camp be limited to the K-7th grade age group, with the cancellation of the 3-5-year-old camp.

In lieu of cancelled events and activities, and modified programs and services the Park and Recreation department will provide virtual activities, contests, resources for virtual field trips, updates via social media and other forms of virtual communication in the months to come.

The issue before the Village Board is to gain consensus and approval on the above cancellations and modifications as they have been presented. It is additionally recommended that the parks and recreation department with Administrator Keim make modifications to and or cancel events and services that succeed July 4, 2020 no later than Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Like the information presented above, modifications and cancellations after July 4, 2020 would serve to follow CDC Guidelines and maintain the health and safety of our Antioch residents, their families and Village staff and volunteers.

Summary

- May 25th Delay the Opening of the Antioch Aquatic Center to July
- June 1 Delay reopening the Senior Center for public operations indefinitely
- June 8th Delay the Summer Camp Season to July
- June 11th Cancel the Thursday Concert
- June 17th Decisions ready for programs, services, events succeeding July 4, 2020
- June 18th Cancel the Thursday Concert
- June 20th Postpone the Antioch Pageant
- June 25th Cancel the Thursday Concert
- June 27th Cancel the Wine Walk rescheduled from May 9, 2020
- June 28th Cancel the Street Market
- July 4th Cancel the 4th of July Parade
- July 4th Cancel the 5 K Freedom Run
- July 4th Postpone the 4th of July Fireworks to a Fall date TBD