

RESOLUTION 20-23

A RESOLUTION CANCELLING ANTIOCH AQUATIC CENTER OPERATIONS 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, and the LCHD 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 the LCHD, and has concluded that it is necessary and prudent close the Antioch Aquatic Center for the 2020 season, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has considered the recommendations of the Park Director and the Village Administrator as set forth in the Memorandum dated June 3, 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 June 3, 2020 are hereby approved in all particulars.

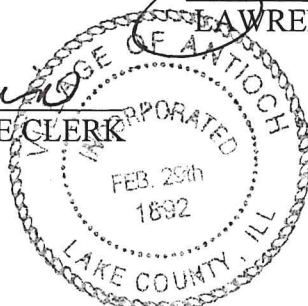
SECTION TWO: The Parks Director and Village Administrator are directed to take any and all action necessary to implement fully their recommendations set forth in the Exhibit A memorandum.

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

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,
ON THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

ATTEST:


LORI K. ROMINE, VILLAGE CLERK




LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR



REPORT TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: Administrator Keim with Director Kabrick Parks and Recreation
DATE: June 3, 2020
SUBJECT: Antioch Aquatic Center

Discussion

Staff has been instructed to make recommendations regarding facility closures and modifications as it relates to the Park and Recreation Department's operation of the Antioch Aquatic Center.

The following communities have made the decision to cancel aquatic operations for the 2020 season: Barrington, Vernon Hills, Buffalo Grove, Highland Park, Hawthorn Woods, Grayslake, Libertyville, Deerfield, Zion, and Gurnee due to the financial challenges of late season operations and the difficulty in implementing effective policies and procedures that would safely address the Covid-19 threat.

Further, the Lake County Health Department has determined that during phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan Indoor/Outdoor pool are not permitted to operate. Additionally, the LCHD has suspended the inspection and permitting process for public pools throughout the duration of Phase 3 and is still awaiting guidelines and clarification from the state regarding whether public pools will be allowed to open in phase 4. Therefore, without knowing how long phase 3 will last - and if we will even be permitted to operate in phase 4 - we cannot accurately predict a training or facility operations timeline.

There is difficulty as well in scheduling the Public Works department to execute time and resources to prepare the pool for operations without a clear timeline regarding the inspection, permitting, and opening process (*to coincide with the stated phased opening plan*).

There is a need by both staff and residents for a final decision.

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 Antioch Aquatic Center remain closed for the 2020 season.