

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2010
Village Hall 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission convened by Jim Weber and was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members Present:

Jim Weber
Tom Kessell
Gina Wolf
Wanda Utter
Cindy Bucci

Others Present:

Jim Keim, Village Administrator
Mike Kudla, Parks Director
Shawn Roby, Special Events
Laura Roby, Secretary

Members Absent

Wayne Foresta
Cedric Johnson

Pledge

Approve Minutes from February 17, 2010 regular meeting as presented.

After grammatical errors were corrected, a motion was made by Tom Kessell and seconded by Wanda Utter for the February 17, 2010 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting to be approved.

Communications

Reports

New Parks Director- Introduction of Mike Kudla. Mike received his Bachelors from Western Illinois and received his Masters from Lake Forest. He worked for Highland Park before moving on to Glencoe Park District. When Mike started at Glencoe it was much like Antioch in size, he helped to expand their programs and was with Glencoe until 2007. The Board welcomes him.

Pool Repair update- The Village Board approved the opening of the pool again this year. However this looks to be the last year. We are still receiving bids to get price estimates for the cost of a new pool. We will be doing the repairs for this year on our own. In about a month work should be able to start. At this point we are just waiting for the water to thaw so we can finish draining the pool. We will also be checking for leaks in the pump house.

Discussion of fees- The park brochure when to the printer for first revisions today. Due to the book needing to be published so soon after Director Position was filled we can not change fees for the use of the athletic fields this year but we will be looking into it for next year. Mike broke the fees the organizations pay compared to what it costs the Village to maintain the fields and it costs the Village more.

Chairman

Discussion of a Park Master Plan- Jim shared with Mike a little bit of the history the Board has had with wanting a new pool. In 2005 the Village bought the Bitner property and in 2007 a new Village Board was elected and requested we find a new piece of property for the pool. The Park Board would like to use the Bitner property for a pool, parking lot and recreational center. Jim Keim informed the Board that the county has made a program available for Lake County Municipalities to receive money from a

special bond issue. The bond interest rate would be at a significant discount compared to the rate the Village itself would be able to obtain on a similar bond issue. The Village did apply for the lottery and we were one of the fortunate ones to receive a \$3 Million dollar award. Jim Keim would like to know if the Park Board would like to use some of that money for a new pool. A new pool can be build using some of this money but it will not be the magnitude we are looking for in a new pool. Jim only has 90 days to issue where the money will be going and start the project. We need to have a good cost estimate for the bond. Jim has looked into it briefly and believes that we can build a new pool for 2-2.5 million including bid and completion. He believes it is feasible to have a new pool built for next year but it would need to be done on a quick timeline. Tom Kessell prepared a letter for the Board on his thoughts regarding the pool. He read aloud to the Board and passed a copy on the Jim Keim. The Board members agreed with Tom's thoughts with the exception of Cindy who was undecided. Jim Keim asked the Board to have a recommendation in writing by April 5th. Jim Keim offered to contact the absent members and said he would continue to look into estimate prices for a starter pool.

Park budget- We budgeted \$25,000 last year and it didn't go very far, however Mike doesn't for seeing any more than that being budgeted again this year. Due to that he feels that the Board should create a wish list for capital budget and submit it. Once we know what the budget will be the Board can start to prioritize the list. We do know that there is \$2,000 in the budget for benches. These can get expensive so the improvements will have to be done a little at a time, possibly one park a year. Jim wants everyone to walk through their park and look over the improvements list for the next meeting. Jim also printed up a 2009 program analysis and concluded that Summer Day Camp, Daddy Daughter Date Night, Easter Egg Hunt and Swim Lessons are our real money makers. He also gave Mike a playground equipment checklist from Park Safety.

Park walk through with New Director- Tom Kessell took Mike around to parks and gave some history. Ideas from Board for park improvements- the Board will continue to look over parks for improvement ideas.

Objectives for next 3 months- Jim advised the Board to go through the parks and discuss priority of projects to be done.

Special Events Report

4th of July: fundraising, fireworks, parade- costs went up \$3,000 for fireworks and we signed a 3 year contract. Some fundraising ideas are 50/50 raffle tickets. We would have 300 tickets available for \$100 each and could purchase some other big ticket items to raffle off as well. We could sell t-shirts for about \$10, which would come to about a \$5 profit per shirt. Shawn will continue to think of more ideas. We could look into using the water bill to inform the community about the newsletter being available on line or we could possibly put in a donation line for 4th of July. We also really need to fine tune/create the fees and rules for the parade. Shawn also passed around a layout of the proposed parade route due to the construction on Main St. He would like to limit the number of participants for parades. This would relieve us from closing off Rt. 83 in the future. He has also contacted the churches along the route to work out plan for that day to cause less interruption during services. Shawn asks that the Board emails him ideas for parade fees and rules.

Other events- the egg hunt has sold 85 tickets to date. Emails will be sent again to remind residents of the event. We have 1,100 emails and are looking into how to do a mass sending. The parade line up will begin at 9:30 with that parade at 10:00. The hunt will take place under the pavilion again this year. Arbor Day will be held April 24th. Jensen Park looks like the place for it to be held this year but there is discussion of other projects. Shawn is looking for helpers. Its Thursday concert series expanded from 7 concerts to 9 this year. Shawn is working on the idea of a Bike Show which will be similar to our Classic Car Show. There would be an entry fee and prizes. Shawn would like to know if the Board would be willing to pursue this idea. The Board agreed. Shawn will continue to look into information and rules and see if the Village Board approves. August 12 is the tentative date for the event. The Art

Crawl is May 1st from 10-3, where school aged children will have their art displayed in businesses around town. There will be bands playing at the Band shell during the event.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-February

Financial Reports were reviewed. Mike will look into interest and report back.

Other Business

Tom Kessell- wondered how the Fitness classes were going at Potential. The classes are going good. They run on a per month basis. The morning workouts seem to be the highest preference.

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 Gina Wolf.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Village Hall in the Board Room at **7:00 p.m.** Park Walk held at Pedersen Park at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Weber, Chairman

Laura Roby, Secretary