

Village of Antioch Park Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Village Hall 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission convened by Tom Kessell and was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Tom Kessell
Wanda Utter
Cindy Bucci
Cedric Johnson
Gina Wolf

Others Present:

Mike Kudla, Parks Director
Shawn Roby, Special Events
Laura Roby, Secretary

Members Absent

Jim Weber
Wayne Foresta

Pledge

Approve Minutes from April 21, 2010 regular meeting as presented.

After grammatical errors were corrected, a motion was made by Cindy Bucci and seconded by Wanda Utter for the April 21, 2010 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting to be approved.

Communications

Reports

Chairman

Parks Director

Camp Registration- going great, filling up nicely. Swim lesson registration takes place on Sat May 15 and is almost full as well.

Bid Results for Park Benches/Refuse Containers- The bids were included with the Park Board packet. Mike said we could start with 2 parks this year and budget for 2 every year after. This will probably be a 4-5 year project. Mike suggested that the board come to the next meeting with desired parks to start with. Williams Park has benches that need to be repaired to prevent injury. Mike suggested that after they were repaired, placing them at Pedersen Park for a fishing area. Wanda asked Mike to look into the bleachers that are missing from Williams Park. The board also questioned if we could ask Public Works what parks are used the most or need more equipment.

Capital Projects and Repairs for 2011- Parks have funds separate from the Village budget that is provided by developers when a subdivision is built. Mike would like to get the Park Board more involved on how and where to spend that money. (Budget was attached) Mike received an estimate for resurfacing the tennis courts. The bid was \$10,000-19,000. Mike will look into more quotes and some quick fixes for the time being, but if we were to proceed where would the board like to start? The board suggested holding adult classes to make better use of the courts and Mike said he would look into it. He will also call the High School about possibly using their courts.

Special Events Report

Arbor Day- turned out really good. Tom says to extend a thank you to Public Works for putting up the fence and planting the big trees ahead of time. Shawn donated the remaining seedling to S&S Landscaping to hand out. The Village has no tree replacement budget. Arbor Day is the only budget we use to plant new trees. The Garden club gives us a few trees a year to plant as well. Mike said during the next budget the Park Board should ask for more money to be used toward Arbor Day. In the mean time inventory should be recorded of what trees are in the parks, contact the Garden club to see if they would be willing to do this.

Wine Walk- tickets sold out this morning (225), which is only two weeks from start date. 180 tickets were sold the first week. The price of tickets went up \$10.00 to have food provided at each venue to offer a little more of what Antioch has. Tickets were available online for the first 200 then had to be purchased in person or over the phone with a credit card.

Review Art Crawl- the High School played longer than expected but other than that the event went well. Co-sponsored with District 34, they provide the art and decide where to put it.

Review Mother/Daughter Tea- registration was down 50% this year probably due to the economy and the “green” movement; however we did not lose money on the event because we only put out what we take in. The June newsletter will be mailed out to everyone in the Village and Township to help with enrollment of upcoming events. Mike and Shawn are also contracting the schools about allowing a weekly mailing or so to inform the community of upcoming events. A Facebook page has also been created for the Village under the name “Antioch IL”. The info will be updated regularly so the residents and businesses have a social network. Upcoming Events- Summer Concert Series starts June 17th with the Salute to the Troops. Shawn is changing it a little this year to add variety. Concerts will go through August 19th. No concert July 15th due to the Taste of summer. Shawn is still working on booking the bike show but the tentative date is August 12th. Car show applications will be available starting June 1st. Farmers Market starts June 17th and will run through September 29th. This will run every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. on Toft St. There are 15 vendors this year, some new ones including poultry and bison. 4th of July plans have been put into action, the residents have been notified of the change in route. Info may be hand-delivered to residents on Main St. to give them a heads up on finding a new location to observe the parade. Shawn and Mike created a rules structure for the parade and sent out a letter. Tom asked Mike if he would call the local car dealerships and inform them of the changes and see if they could possibly offer loaner cars instead of new cars to cause fewer issues with decorating. The parade will start at 11 a.m. “Scoop around Antioch” is based on the event “Scoop the loop” in Waukegan. This car show will run from the Wal-Mart down Deep Lake Rd. to Depot St. through town and stopping at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. This event will be held the 4th Wednesday of each month, June –September for 6-9 p.m. Miss Antioch Pageant will be held on June 19th at the Antioch High School. 22 contestants are running.

Financial Reports for Periods Ending-April 28, 2010

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Other Business

Cindy- questioned if we put off the pool for another 2 years, but still plan on spending the bond money will it still be available when we are ready to use it and if so where will it sit in the mean time? Mike said he would talk to Jim Keim to find out.

Tom- would like to re-consider the Bitner property if we are going to delay the building of a new pool. He would also like to talk to the public about needs and interest survey. Jim Parks was put on the talk for finding a company for surveys and price quotes. Mike said if we aren't going to do the professional survey he would like to put one in the next brochure for parks as a whole; parks that are used most, what they would like to see added to the parks, etc. Tom suggested putting a survey on the Facebook page that is on going for people who prefer to work online.

Wanda- the volleyball nets at William Park are not put up. Shawn said they are at the Parks building and he will have Public Works put them up.

Gina- the volleyball court at Osmond Park is really overgrown, can we have Public Works spend some time on it. The park sign needs to be tightened, it is upside down currently. Mike said he will put in a work order for the court there and at North Park.

* The June Park Board meeting will be cancelled.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Village of Antioch Park Commission, **Cindy Bucci made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Wanda Utter.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at the Village Hall in the Board Room at **7:00 p.m.**

Jim Weber, Chairman

Laura Roby, Secretary