

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by acting Chair Gina Wolf.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Gina Wolf, Wanda Utter, Cindy Bucci, Cedric Johnson, Jerry Johnson and Angela Brooks. Absent: Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Michael Kudla, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Village Administrator Jim Keim, Village Board Liaison George Sakas, and representatives from PHN, Doug Holzstricter, Tod Staton, Dave Emanuelson and Rich Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After grammatical errors were corrected, a motion was made by Cindy Bucci and seconded by Cedric Johnson for the October 20, 2010 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting to be approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber

No report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kudla

Aqua Center Fees - Park Commission members discussed the past and current fees for the aqua center, pavilions and athletic fields use. Parks and Recreation Director Kudla discussed the aqua center fees and charging a Twilight Fee of \$2.00 for anyone using the pool from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Following discussion, member C. Johnson moved, seconded by Member Utter to include the twilight fee of \$2.00 to the aqua center fees. Upon voice vote: All Ayes. No Nays. MOTION CARRIED.

Pavilion Fees - Parks and Recreation Director Kudla reviewed the comparison reports for pavilion use with the Commission members indicating consensus to not raise the pavilion fees at this time. It was decided that the washrooms at Williams and Centennial Park would be made available to renters by signing out the key at the dispatch office and returning it after the event.

Athletic Field Use Fees - Director Kudla also reviewed the athletic field charges and his recent discussion with the various organizations. He said that representatives from AYLL, AYSO, Viking Football felt they should not be paying the dumpster and port-o-potty fees. Director Kudla said that during the past three years, the organizations have paid one-half of these fees. He said that all of the organizations indicated that they shouldn't have to pay the dumpster or port-o-potty fees since their organization contributes large donations and in-kind service to the Osmond Sports Park fields. Director Kudla will meet with Viking Football representatives again in January to discuss the fees the organization will be charged for field use. Director Kudla suggested a \$3.00 to \$4.00 charge per registrant should go to the Village of Antioch to help offset out of pocket expenses incurred by the Village in support of the sports programs.

Next meeting date - Parks and Recreation Director suggested cancelling the December 2010 Park Commission meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 19, 2011.

PHN Architects – Parks and Recreation Director Kudla introduced the representatives from PHN Architects, Doug Holzstricter, Tod Staton, Dave Emanuelson and Rich Clark. Mr. Stuart Malsch, who was present in the audience questioned a certain area on the preliminary drawing of the proposed park and suggested the pool fees remain the same for both resident and non-resident use. Mr. Malsch also wanted to know if the proposals that were received came in lower than expected, how many contractors would be bidding on the pool design and if there would be funds allocated to the project for pool amenities. He also discussed the Lions Club pavilion and striping the parking lot areas which may result in more parking spaces.

Tod Staton, from PHN Architects distributed the Feasibility Analysis Report to the Park Commissioners for their review and said that he would be bringing the grant application to Springfield on November 29th. Mr. Staton also discussed the surveys completed by Public Research Group (PRG) who conducted the study to determine the needs of those living within the aquatic center service area. He reviewed the village area random telephone survey and the non-random online survey aimed at users within and outside the service area. Mr. Staton reported that of the 440 surveys that were conducted, 368 completed the survey. The findings were that mostly female and children used the aqua center. Possible ideas to raise pre-season funds were discussed. Mr. Kudla pointed out that the study showed the staff expense at nine hours per day and he wanted it changed to show a more accurate average of eleven hours and the pay rate changed to \$10.00 per hour for all pool staff.

Tod Staton, PHN Architects, reviewed the concept plan for Williams Park Phase 1-B with the Lions Club Pavilion, volleyball and basketball courts being moved and the baseball diamond remaining. Phase 1-A showed only the baseball diamond being removed and the Master Plan showed the Aquatic Center with all phases completed.

There was a discussion regarding the grant application not including the removal the baseball diamond and that information regarding the grant award is expected to sometime in June 2011. Mr. Holzstricter explained the design construction process with documents prepared by February, 2012, permit application in March, 2012 and the permit expected to be received within four to six months after application. He said that he would anticipate ground breaking to occur by September 2012 with completion by June 2013. Commission members discussed the grant process, asked how much funding would be available through the grant and what to expect if the grant was not awarded. Mr. Holzstricter said there are \$2.5 million dollars available in grants and if our application is not awarded, the pool would remain in the same location with a remodeled bath house, 700 square feet added to the wading pool, and additional diving boards, slides and other park amenities with a total completion cost of approximately \$2.2 million dollars...

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending October 31, 2010 were reviewed

Other Business

Acting Chair Gina Wolf welcomed new Commissioners Jerry Johnson and Angela Brooks.

Commission Member Cedric Johnson mentioned that the police department will be having the first Neighborhood Watch meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday November 18th at the Antioch Police Station.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, member Bucci moved, seconded by member Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Acting Chair Gina Wolf

Toni Galster, Secretary