

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday April 27, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairmen Weber

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: Angela Brooks, Jerry Johnson, Gina Wolf, Cedric Johnson, Cindy Bucci and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Mike Kudla, Special Events Coordinator Shawn Roby, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Village Board Liaison Mary Dominiak, Trustee Dennis Crosby, and Program Supervisor Libby Baker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After grammatical errors were corrected, a motion was made by Gina Wolf and seconded by Cindy Bucci for the March 22, 2011 minutes of the Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting to be approved. Upon voice vote: 6 Ayes. 0Nays. MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber

Chairman Weber questioned "What happens if the grant does not come through?" The Park Grant application is still pending, No official word yet if the governor will issue any Grants this year. Rumor is that 2.5 Million Park Grants have been narrowed down to Fitness facilities. Chairman Jim wants to know if our plan will change without the grant. Mike Kudla explained that we have plans for the pool with or without the grant. The Village has approximately 2 million dollars budgeted for the remodeling of the pool.

Chairman Weber had questioned about the Tim Osmond Park flooding problems, are the culverts working? Should we raise the paths, Mike Kudla answered that right now there are no funds set aside for the park, may-be in the future.

Chairman Weber inquired among the Commissioners if anyone had checked their assigned parks yet. Each Commissioner has been asked to check their assigned park and make a list of repairs that is needed and give the list to Mike Kudla.

Angela Brooks – North Ave Park
Jerry Johnson – Jensen Park
Gina Wolf – Centennial Park

Cedric Johnson – Trevor Creek
Cindy Bucci – Pederson Park
Chairman Weber – Saw Mill

Osmond Park Meeting Overview:

1. Grading is completed.

2. The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. State Representative Jo-Ann Osmond has applied for this grant on the behalf of the Village of Antioch. At this time there is no matching money yet. The grant has been extended through 2012.

We currently have 2 Football fields, 1 baseball diamond, 1 – parking lot, 1 – Disc Golf Course. Phase 2 will include, once funded. 1 – Soccer field, 1 Softball diamond.

Township and Village will be putting in \$250,000.00

Time frame for Williams Park baseball field, at this time there is No Time Frame.

There is No Time Frame for the Aqua Center. We will not be moving the pool if the Grant does not come through. The baseball field will not be moved.

Parks and Recreation Director Kudla

Discussion of non-resident fees:

The current policy allows residents of the Village of Antioch and Antioch Township to pay residents rates for programs and pool passes. Non-resident fees are applied to those residing outside the township. Residents also receive priority registration for the most popular programs. Township residents do not receive priority registration. They register with non-residents.

Approximately 100 registrations annually are by non-residents, (residents living outside the township). That is a small percentage of the total registration and equal to approximately \$500 annually.

Lake Villa recently cancelled their recreation department due to budget constraints. In a recent meeting with Lake Villa Mayor Frank Loffredo, he was very interested in offering Lake Villa residents access to Antioch programs. To entice his residents, it was suggested that the \$5.00 non-resident fee be waived. It was also suggested that a link be placed on their website to our brochure. Antioch Residents would still have priority in the Summer Day Camp Program and the Camp Crayon Programs. Upon voice vote: 6 Ayes. 0Nays. MOTION CARRIED to eliminate non-resident fees in the fall.

Summer Wine Walk:

The wine walk has expanded to 400 participants from 300 in an effort to accommodate more people who could not buy tickets. Staff recommends raising the fee for the next wine walk from \$35.00 to \$40.00. A motion was made by Angela Brooks and seconded by Jerry Johnson to raise the cost \$5.00

Summer Camp registration:

Registration was held Saturday April 16th. People lined up chairs beginning at 3:00 A.M. Everyone that came to registration was accommodated. Mike Kudla received emails sent by residents who do not appreciate waiting in line on a Saturday to sign up for Camp. Staff intends to survey the parents on their preference for registration procedures. Cedric Johnson suggested that the past

campers should have priority registration, those that are loyal to the program. This is a fairness issue that we need to address in the fall. Angela Brooks did mention that Lake Forest still has the Line up procedure.

Special Events Supervisor – Shawn Roby

The Easter Parade had 25 entries this year. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success. We sold 380 wristbands, registration was low this year. We had over 6600 eggs stuffed and ready to go. At the egg hunt the Parks department sold an additional 100 wristbands. 54 pictures were taken with the Easter Bunny. Our Mother Daughter Tea was a sell out this year with 125 registrations. The Art Crawl is scheduled for May 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th during the 885 Civic Club Annual Carnival. Angela questioned if anyone will be demonstrating their Art work. Shawn wasn't sure at this time. The Summer Wine Walk is scheduled for June 4th, Angela offered to help. June 16th the Antioch Farmers Market is scheduled to start. This year we have changed the location to the old Pittman Lot, located on 83 and Orchard. We have the same vendors as last year and new vendors. We are up to 18 now. Parking for the Farmers Market will be on the West side of the property. Our concert series will begin that night. The Village have printed on the Water Bill asking for donations for our 4th of July Celebration, \$1.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00, the residents can include the donation with their water bill payment. Like last year, we will require parade participants to have a float, or a fee will be required. Angela suggested that we asked the communities to get involved and have a float for the different subdivision in Antioch. We will be presenting the traveling trophy for the best float. The Statue the Troops will be July 7th this year. The United States Naval academy will be performing and will bring with them 2 bus loads of recruits and a Color Guard to help celebrate the night with us. Our Family Boat Regatta will be on Saturday July 9th; last year we had 4 teams sign up through the Parks & Recreation and 6 teams through the church. No plans to change this event. Taste of Summer will start on July 14th and continue through July 17th. Rock & Rumble starts on July 22nd. Teen Bands will play on Friday nights through August 9th.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2011 were reviewed. Mike explained the report to the Commissioners. The 1st column is the Revenue base, the 2nd column is the program fee. Fiscal estimated \$152,000 we are at \$149,000 right now. 3rd Column is the Year To Date balance. The last column is the (collected more or less) (-)

Other Business

Angela Brooks, no new business, Jerry Johnson, no new business, Gina Wolf, walked Centennial Park, wants to know why they took out the round table where the parents use to sit and watch their kids play on the playground. Mike said he would have the table put back. Mike also mentioned that they will be installing a drinking fountain. The staining of the playground equipment will be done by the Antioch Honor Society in the fall. Cedric Johnson mentioned that Trevor Creek garbage can needs a new lid. And a sticker should be placed on the swing set for the 2 – 5 years old only. Cindy Bucci had no new business.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Cindy Bucci to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Jim Weber Chairman

Toni Galster, Secretary