

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Wednesday, July 20, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman 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: Gina Wolf, Cindy Bucci, Cedric Johnson, Jerry Johnson and Angela Brooks. Chairman Jim Weber. Absent: Cedric Johnson. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Mike Kudla, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Special Events Coordinator Shawn Roby.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Bucci moved, seconded by Member Brooks to approve the June 21, 2011 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No report.

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber:**

Chairman Weber noted that our Village Website has our meeting at 7:30 pm, it should be Changed to 7:00 pm.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> at Williams Park, Chairman Weber remarked that at the baseball game there was garbage everywhere. Director Kudla explained that the Parks & Recreation Department had their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the park that past weekend. It was the largest crowd ever. Shawn recommends that in the future the Parks Department contact Pickard China to possibly put up a fence to keep people from trespassing on Pickard China property.

Chairman Weber would like to have a Park walk thru at the next Park Commission meeting in August. Mr. Weber noted that the timbers at Centennial Park are showing their age. Director Kudla mentioned that Com-Ed put the timbers in and they will be hard to replace. Public Works will be refinishing the playground this fall. Chairman Weber noted that the water fountain has not been installed yet. Chairman Weber questioned Shawn Roby about the fall brochure, Mr. Roby stated that the brochure will be going to print and in the hands of the students by the second week of September. Chairman Weber questioned Director Kudla about the basketball league that will start this fall on Sunday afternoon. Director Kudla explained that the Parks Department has the Antioch High School gym on Sunday afternoons. Rich Williams and Tim Borries will be the coaches. Volunteers are still needed to assist the coaches.

## **Parks and Recreation Director Kudla**

Discussion of programs for residents with special needs:

Director Kudla has had few calls from parents asking about programs for their children with special needs. The Village of Antioch does not belong to a special recreation co-op as does the park districts of Lindenhurst, Zion, Round Lake and Grayslake. The organization is named Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County. Lindenhurst Park District has offered Antioch residents the opportunity to participate in special recreation programs at resident rates. The Antioch Parks & Recreation department will start advertising this in the 2011 / 2012 fall & winter brochure. Director Kudla stated that it is possible that the Village could levy a tax to fund special recreation programs but residents may not want an additional tax at this time. Director Kudla informed the commission that the Centennial Park restrooms are now open to the public and that the residents who rent the pavilion will no longer be required to go to the Dispatch to pick up the key. Director Kudla mentioned that the restrooms are cleaned on Fridays and Mondays only, so if the pavilion is rented on Sundays then we should consider having a cleaning service clean them on Sunday mornings before they are rented.

## **Special Event Supervisor:**

In the past the Village of Antioch has had committees for major events. Shawn would like to bring this back. Shawn will put in the newsletter and online that we are looking to form committees for future events, and that 5 to 6 people are needed on each committee. Shawn also mentioned that the residents that are on these committees will also be responsible for working that event. The committee would meet at least 3 times before the event, new ideas would be welcomed but Shawn would have the final say on the event. Fall Fest will be here soon, the Parks Department is looking for help with the kids' games. Cindy Bucci asked if Shawn will be working more hours because of the committees. Shawn stated that working with committees will take more time. Director Kudla noted that we are limited on staff, and that it takes many hands to put these events together. The volunteers would help our department. The Parks department can not hire anymore full time staff at this time.

Upon voice vote: 5-Ayes. 0-Nays. MOTION CARRIED to form Committees for major events.

This year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was the largest parade ever. Approximately 15,000 residents came to see the parade. For next years celebration Shawn is proposing extra event such as water fights, and a new 5 K Route. The Antioch Fireworks display is getting bigger and better every year. Next year the Parks Department will be looking into more garbage cans and street sweepers. Angela Brooks brought up the fact that the people in the parade handing out the cool pops and bottle water were falling behind which slowed the parade. Shawn mentioned that when the Antioch Parks Departments has a parade committee, then the committee will be responsible for making sure the parade participants keep up with the others. Right now the Parks department does not have the man power to watch the entire parade route. Will Martino stated that it seemed to take a long time to clear the metra lot following the parade. Shawn stated that it took about 35 minutes to clear the lot and that traffic flow is studied and adjusted every year following the event. Shawn also mentioned that Tuesday August 2, 2011 is National Night out. A celebration will be at the bandshell starting at 7:00 pm.

## **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2011 were reviewed.

## **Other Business**

Angela Brooks mentioned that there are branches down all over Williams Park. Angela also asked if we can put bags in the parks garbage cans, Director Kudla told the Park Board that Public Works does not bag the garbage cans, and that the parks are last on the list to pick up branches. Public Works people are working on the residents first. Angela Brooks wanted to know what one person is in charge of the advanced group of swimmers; Angela mentioned that she never receives feedback from the instructors. Angela noticed that the kids spend time playing games when they should be instructing swimming lessons. Angela also mentioned that the instructor takes up to much time encouraging the kids that will not get into the pool, this is taking to much time out of the lesson and they should just move on. Instructors should be getting into the water, teaching the kids the proper instructions on diving. Gina Wolf commented on the Bulls Camp, the kids loved it, but the first day the instructors were late. Gina would like to see in the future a system that the Parks Department can put in place to notify the parents that an instructor will be late. Will Martino mentioned that Osmond Park is in great shape. Large branches came close to some equipment. Mary's Park and Sprenger Park are also in good shape. The Parks department should get with Public Works about service swap with the various sub divisions. Will Martino would like to see a break down to see how many hours the Public Works department spends on cutting grass. Director Kudla said the best way to get this in motion would be to arrange a meeting with Dennis from Public Works, Will Martino and himself. Director Kudla asked Will to call him next week to arrange the meeting.

Cindy Bucci asked about the half price pool passes and how it was going, Director Kudla told her, it's a little slow right now, but the weather has a lot to do with it. Cindy also asked about the Fall Basketball league when will it start. Director Kudla stated that the program will begin September 18<sup>th</sup>, it will be 8 weeks long and go until November 20, 2011

## **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Jerry Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary