

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Jim 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, Will Martino, Cindy Bucci, Cedric Johnson, Jerry Johnson Angela Brooks and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Mike Kudla, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Special Events Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Director Libby A. Baker, Trustee Mary Dominiak,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to approve the September 21, 2011 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: 6-Ayes. 0-Nays. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber

Chairman Weber stated that he had read all the emails requiring the Aqua Center; nothing regarding the Aqua Center has started yet. Commissioner Wolf would like to move forward with the fundraising plans but needs a time line and committees formed first before moving forward with this project. Chairman Weber was told by Director Kudla that the Park Board must wait for the Village Board to make the decision on what to do with the two million dollar bond money that has been set aside for the pool. The Village Board must decide whether to renovate the Aqua Center or use the money for another project in town. The bond money must be used before 2013 or it will expire. Director Kudla stated that the pool will only last one more season in the condition that it is presently in. In order to have the pool ready for the 2013 season, the ground breaking construction must start by September 2012, which means the applications, designs, plans; health department permits must be started within the next couple of months.

Commissioner Wolf questioned the previous plans submitted by PHN, will the Park Board be able could use the designs to show possible corporate donators the plans for the future Aqua Center that the Village is intending to build. Shawn Roby will check with Jim Keim if it is possible. Questions where asked if the Village has

considered Co-Op with the Township to raise funds for the Aqua Center? Trustee Mary Dominiak questioned if there was a way to raise funds for a memorial near the Aqua Center, for the soldiers that served our country.

Member Brooks moved, and Second by Member Wolf to go in front of the Village Board for approval and to move forward on the designs and plans to start a Six Lane, Zero Depth, L shape pool, with expandable possibilities for the future. The Park Board is committed to forming committees. 5- Ayes. 1- Abstained 0- nays. MOTION CARRIED. (Member Martino Abstained due to lack of information on Aqua Center).

Chairman Weber thanked Director Michael Kudla for all that he has done for the Village of Antioch, and wished him well on his Retirement.

Parks and Recreation Director Kudla

Discussion of the Summer Day Camp fees, Camp Crayon fees, Pavilion Rentals and Aqua Center daily fees.

Director Kudla went over the Addendums that were included in the Board Pack. Last year the board agreed to raise the Camp Crayon fees, Summer Day Camp included the extended fee, and the Parks Department raised the fee of \$5.00 to \$8.00 per registration for the outside instructors. Director Kudla is recommending that compared to other surrounding communities the Board should not raise any fees this year for any of the programs.

Member Martino requested a break down of expenses and income for the different programs that the Parks department offers. Shawn Roby told him the Parks department will have it for the Park Board next month.

Programming Supervisor Libby Baker requested a change in hours for the Summer Day Camp. The change on the over all hours of the camp would not change.

Hours presently are 6:30 am – 8:30 am for Early Bird. Camp starts at 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Extended stay starts at 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm, Libby suggested the hours change because the staff is walking into work with the campers and leaving with the campers at the end of the day. The strict 8 hour day law does not allow the counselor's time to set up or clean up. Ending the Camp day at 4:00 pm will give the counselors 15 minutes in the morning to set up, and 15 minutes at the end of the day to clean up.

The extended day would now be 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm which will mirror the early bird time. Member Martino moved to change the Summer Day Camp times, Seconded by Member C. Johnson. Upon voice vote: 6 – Ayes. 0-Nays. MOTION CARRIED.

Special Event Supervisor Shawn Roby:

Discussion of Bandshell Rental Policy

Shawn stated that the concerns of the Village Board were the costs involved with running an event. The Fire and Police Department as well as having Village staff to assist the event coordinator. Shawn was told the Board wants a Rental Policy enforced in case an organization has interest in renting the bandshell. The Board would like the possibility to rent the bandshell to organization for future fundraising events; examples would be like the Corporal Peck Event.

Member Brooks moved, Seconded by Bucci to forward the Bandshell Rental Policy to the Village Board for Approval. 6-Ayes. 0-Nays. MOTION CARRIED.

Review of Fall Fest

Shawn will have a complete report next month for the Park Board on all the expenses involved for the Fall Fest. The Beer Tasting Tent did not go as well as expected. Whether it was the cost of the ticket or how nice the weather was, Shawn felt that Antioch was not ready for this type of event. The Parks Department will not offer this event in next years Fall Fest. The Pumpkin Roll, Wiener Race were all a big hit, The Parks Department sold out on the pumpkins. It has been considered for next year to offer a pumpkin roll for adults. The Barrel and Stein race went well, next year the Parks department would like to see additional restaurants and bars enter this event. The Haunted Trail was exceptional this year. Shawn would like to combine this event next year with possibly a craft faire and other event through town, to build this event into a Mega event in the future.

Future Events

Shawn is looking for Volunteers for the Christmas Parade. Volunteers should show up at the bandshell at 5:00 pm. The Antioch Fire department will be providing cookies and hot chocolate again this year at the tree lighting. Anyone interested in making cookies, please have them made and dropped off at the Parks Department by Wednesday November 23rd.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2010 were reviewed.

Other Business

Chairman Weber showed the Park Board a discount card that the AYLL was selling for their fundraiser; the Park Board could do something like this too. Member Wolf wanted to know why there wasn't anyone at Tim Osmond Sports Complex after 3:30 pm for the Kite Flying Family Day on October 2nd. Director Kudla explained that after 3:00 pm the wind had calmed down and the families all left. Member Wolf mentioned that may-be next year the hours should be shortened possibly noon to 3:00 instead of 5:00 pm.

Member Bucci suggested selling raffle tickets for big ticket items, \$100 per ticket and sell 500 tickets. It was also suggested having a Wine Walk fundraiser. All proceeds would go toward the Pool renovation. The Park Board will be meeting On Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall for the first Fundraising meeting. Next Board Meeting has been switched to Wednesday, November 15th instead of the 23rd. All Board members should bring fundraising ideas with them to this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Brooks to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Chair Person Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary