

Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, March 21, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner 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: "Acting Chairman" Gina Wolf, Jerry Johnson, Will Martino, Cedric Johnson and Cindy Bucci. Absent: Chairman Jim Weber and Angela Brooks. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director & Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Program Supervisor Libby Baker, Mayor Lawrence Hanson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not approved from the February 22, 2012 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

REPORTS

Discussion of the Master Plan of the Parks: The parks were assigned to each commissioner,

Angela Brooks – Williams Parks and North Ave Park, Jerry Johnson has Jensen Park, Gina Wolf – Centennial Park, Will Martino – Tim Osmond Park, Cedric Johnson – Trevor Creek Park, Cindy Bucci – Pederson Park, and Chairman Weber – Saw Mill.

Everyone received the compliance audit report of their assigned parks. Shawn made copies of the Gurnee Park Districts "History of the Parks. "Each Commissioner will be required to duplicate Gurnee's History of the Parks", but do it for their assigned parks. The report will include the history, which can be found at the library and Village hall, the amenities, and any past improvements. After the reports are complete the commissioners are required to forward them to Shawn.

Public Works are working hard to clean up the parks by cutting trees and scrubs. Centennial Park has a few minor repairs that the Public Works are aware of and are repairing.

Tim Osmond Sports Complex will be going forward with the concession stand, bathroom, and baggo court. The Township has agreed not to connect to the Sewer Line. The Water will go into the park when Phase 3 begins. Expanding the parking lot, electric, building the restroom and will also be included in Phase 3. The baseball diamond and soccer field have minor repairs that will be completed by fall in order to match the state funds.

Pat Callahan from Studio GC; is the company responsible for the design of the new Aqua Center. They have been working the past 4 weeks on the design. Questions were asked "what the present pool has, and what can be reused." What amenities are important and how the new pool will fit the on the present site. Slide features will only allow children over 42 inches tall. Studio GC would like to know if a "Run out Slide" which slows the child down and goes in shallow water is what the Park Board wants in the future. Zero Depth and Handicap Accessible, 6 lanes, Plunge area, and a Vortex whirlpool will be included in the design. Play structures that could be included in the design could have splash buckets, slide, sprayers. Shawn indicated to the Board that the Spray Pad, should it be outside the fenced area with the pool, to maximize the number of people who will be able to use it. It will also help with early year and late year use and will not create a major concern with staffing the area.

Studio GC plans on piping water to future sites of water features, and future site of the leisure pool. The deck space will be slightly larger than it is now. Instead of building a new bath house, it will be remodeled with some modifications. It will be modified to meet current ADA standards as well as have a family changing room in the men's room and ladies room.

The Aqua Center will have a new pump house, ticket booth, concession stand, lifeguard shack, pool storage area, as well as acid and ph rooms. The Park Board suggested that the lifeguard shack and pool storage rooms be switched. The lifeguard shack should be on the corner of the building for better viewing of the center. The deep end of the pool will be close to the pump house. Point of entry will be near the ticket booth so no storage will be taken away.

At this point the plans for the new Aqua Center are around 2 million dollars, so it is on budget.

The permit process will take 4-5 months. Once the permits have been issued, the ground breaking will begin. The plan is to break ground September 1, 2012 and be completed in May of 2013.

Will asked, to reach the family changing room will the public have to walk through the locker room to use them, or will there be another entry as soon as you walk in? Shawn explained that at this time to open those up to the public would increase the budget. They will look into it though.

Cindy Bucci asked about the toilets for each locker room, Shawn explained that the ADA specifications are firm with sizes and clearance space.

Cindy also asked if there is a break down of where the money will be going. Shawn said that he will have the breakdown on all the amenities and the costs of the pool at the next Park Board meeting.

The break down as of March 21, 2012 is as follows. 1 Million dollars for the pool, Site work \$315,000.00, Pump House \$290,000.00 and the Renovations \$90,000.00.

Will had questions about the Splash Pad. Will the water from the splash pad be sharing the same water from the pool? How clean will the water be?

The Concession stand will only sell the basics, soda, chips and candy. Families will be able to bring in their own food within reason. Future plans could include a grill.

With this new design of the pool, 1 extra lifeguard will be needed. The new waterslide tower will require a staff member to ensure the patrons are following the rules.

Jerry asked, when does the board need to confirm where the splash pad will be?

At this time Shawn told him very soon, the design drawings need to be made now.

Shawn expressed that the Village is aware of the expanding residents; once the pool attendance goes from 500 to 1000 the rest rooms will need to be expanded. The future expansion plans are to go toward the northwest of the current site. The future expansion could be more leisure water or something on the fun side.

Cedric wants the splash pad on the inside of the fence to void any legal problems that may happen in the future. Shawn told Cedric he has seen a splash pad in Florida on his recent visit there, there were no problems with it, and the location was near the road so the police could keep an eye on it. Shawn said that if the splash has to move it should move toward the pavilion where it could be fenced in by itself. Shawn also commented that when the pool was at its maximum bather load the splash pad would be perfect for those that couldn't come into the facility. Where the splash pad is now on the design, could be used as a party deck, the stairs and the vortex could be flipped so parents could sit and watch the children from the major sun bathing area.

With the new pool we could increase programming for all age groups. Water aerobics, scuba diving and possibly water zumba classes as the zumba courses are quite successful.

Cindy said that she would like to see more umbrellas on the deck with more chairs and shaded areas.

Shawn is hoping that the permits will not take as long. The Village pool request isn't asking for some new design or concept that the state hasn't already approved in other pools around the state.

Will ask Shawn what happened with the two sided concession stand? Shawn expressed that this is the design that Studio CG came up with for now. Gina questioned the wall that is in between the lap pool and zero depth area. Shawn said that the wall is 42" high; the lifeguards will be making sure that the kids will not be playing or hanging on it.

On the drawing of the Aqua Center is a Red Tarp, this will be the entry onto the deck from outside of the pool. The bathhouse will have lockers as well as on the deck for residents to store their personal items. The deck will be large enough for parties and the day camp kids. The new pool design will enable the Aqua Center to have day time parties.

A resident in the crowd asked the board, with this new pool, will the Village stop giving out private pool licenses? Shawn said that he doubts it, but he will be looking into it. Shawn indicated he has never heard of such a problem but would investigate it. He also indicated he could only imagine the reason someone didn't get a permit for their pool would have something to do with easement and property size.

Pool Fundraising:

Part of the fundraising concept will be the donation of the car from Raymond Chevrolet. Cindy Bucci is in charge of this portion of the fundraising. The Village of Antioch will be utilizing the marketing firm who has significant experience in such a campaign to help fundraise. The Aqua Center Fundraiser will run from June until December. All the money that this campaign generates will go toward the amenities for the pool. The Waves have concerns with the Park Board about having their fundraiser at the same time the Park Board does. Shawn has told Tom Adamczyk that the two fundraisers are completely different and that the Waves shouldn't have any problems with the Park Board fundraiser.

Shawn expressed that more prizes should be donated or purchased for the fundraiser.

The cost of the ticket still needs to be determined, \$20, \$25, \$50 or \$100. A final decision on the cost of the tickets needs to be approved by the next meeting. The car will be at every event during the year. This campaign will be geared toward fundraising for a significant addition possibly the play feature in the shallow area.

Shawn approached the Board with the way the pool operations have been in the past. The season pass in the past has never had a picture on it. Shawn has decided to change the pass for the 2012 season. Shawn has designed a program that will include a picture on all passes. The passes will be made at the Park Office.

Upcoming Events:

Mother Son Bowling will be this Sunday March 25th at 3:30 – 6:00 pm at the Antioch Bowling Lanes. Help is needed. April 7th will be the Easter Parade and Easter Egg Hunt, May 5th is the Art Crawl and on Sunday May 6th is the Mother Daughter Tea, tickets go on sale Monday.

For the Thursday Night Concert series, Shawn is looking for 3 more bands. He will have the line up complete by next Friday. The 4th of July planning has started; Shawn and Toni will be planning the event. Jim Keim will be interviewing the 2 girls that are applying for the part time position for the Parks office.

Libby Baker Program Director:

The Camp Crayon registration went well, we are still taking applications. Summer Day Camp registration language has changed in a positive way. This will be the first year the Parks & Recreation Department will have a Spring Break which starts next week. Four previous Summer Day Counselors will be returning to run the program. Libby has rented an oversize van to take the kids for outside activities.

Shawn mentioned that the conceptual idea will be presented to the board for comments and concerns at the April 11, 2012 at the Committee of the Whole meeting. They will be seeking board approval of the conceptual drawings at the Village Board meeting on April 16, 2012.

Shawn will be sending all information out to the Park Board members to get their input.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending February 29, 2012 were reviewed.

Other Business

Cindy mentioned that there was a dead tree in Pederson Park and it should be removed before it falls and hurts someone. Shawn said he would relay the message to the public works department.

Adjournment

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

Acting Chairman Gina Wolf

Toni Galster, Secretary