

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Wednesday, June 20, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission was called to order at 7:05 pm 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: Will Martino, Cedric Johnson, Cindy Bucci, and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Director of Parks & Recreation Shawn Roby, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Absent were Commissioner Jerry Johnson, Angela Brooks, Commissioner Gina Wolf arrived at 7:26 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Cindy Bucci moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to approve the April 25, 2012 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: 4- Aye's 0-Nays. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No report.

**REPORTS**

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Weber reviewed the parks that the Park Board members were responsible for. Angela Brooks has Williams Park, Will Martino has North Park and Osmond Bros Park, Jerry Johnson has Jensen Park, Gina Wolf has Centennial Park, Cedric Johnson has Trevor Creek, Cindy Bucci has Pedersen Park and Chairman has Gage Brothers Park & Hiram Butterick Sawmill. Chairman would like to see the report and history of the parks by next meeting. Director Roby informed the board that the Village of Antioch has hired an intern named Hillary. If any of the Park Board members needs help with their park report please contact Hillary at the Village Hall. Hillary has offered her assistance to any Park board member needing help. Hillary has also been very involved with the Strategy Master Planning; she understands what is needed and how the report should look.

After walking Chairman Weber's assigned park, he noted that there were 15 trees missing and that this park was in desperate need of help. Shawn explained that the Public Works is working on the park as well as Shawn has three community service people painting the picnic tables. After the roof on the Senior Center is complete, Shawn told the board that public works has been Extremely busy trying to catch up on work that has been neglected. He will put in a request for them to look at the building once the complete the other ones.

Shawn also mentioned that the Walk Way on Skidmore has been damaged. Chief Summerville and Shawn are supposed to meet to discuss a wireless surveillance camera in the high crime areas of the parks. Shawn assured the Park board that the people caught damaging the parks will be doing community service. Chairman Weber asked Shawn if a 3D drawing has been completed yet on the pool. Shawn told the Board that it is in the works. Chairman Weber would like to start selling bricks for the fundraiser as soon as possible.

## **Directors Report**

The Master Plan that the Village of Antioch is working on would include a survey for the public to view the Parks. In some areas the parks in Antioch lack developing. Any facilities that are built should be multifunctional, such as tennis court could also be used as a basketball court. At the Clublands, the land under the Water Tower will have dual uses. In the summer there will be 2 Adult Softball Fields, and in the winter those same fields will be used for winter coed flag football. Shawn explained that if the Parks ran adult leagues on those fields, he could charge \$500 a team, twice a season for the summer and once in the winter, the Parks and Recreation department could make money raised to help offset the cost of mowing and improvements during the course of the year. This is where the Master Plan is very important.

There are plans in the Capital plan for a north/south walking path as well as a east west walking path. Funding for these projects hasn't been approved but plans exist.

Cindy Bucci expressed her feelings on Heron Harbor, how this subdivision was promised a park that the residents could walk too. Pedersen Park was designated as Heron Harbors Park. Unfortunately this Park the residents can not walk to or drive to easily. Cindy also told the board when her family purchased their home she was told of a park that was to be completed inside of Heron Harbor, but a someone turned the land over to The Village of Antioch, that turned it over to a developer that built townhomes on the parks site. Mr. Malsch a resident of Antioch was in the audience explained to Cindy that if she really wanted to know what happened to the land, she would have to go to the Court House in Waukegan and have a title search done on the property. Will Martino told Cindy she should find out the Pin number of the property first.

Pool Update: In May the Village of Antioch submitted the format, "First Review". The first review came back with comments and items that needed to be corrected. This was to be expected. First response on the drawings was: 7' clearance height is needed near the Slide. Space of 8' wide walkway is needed on the deck around the slide etc... The changes were completed and resubmitted.

Shawn had used a Dobbie to reschedule the park board meeting for May but unfortunately couldn't get enough park board members to respond to hold the meeting. In the future he will use doodle again for scheduling conflicts so please make sure you check your spam folders as well as email from that site going forward.

On June 14, 2012 the pre-bid meeting took place at the pool site. There were 10 plus bidders. This was a very nice turn out. The Bids are due back in on Monday July 2, 2012. The bids must have qualifications, business financials, and all the municipal jobs the company has worked on over a specific period of time. It is required that the company bidding must have poured pools in the past. There are a couple of local builders in the bidding process. Shawn told the board that Antioch is

one of a couple of handfuls of community pools being built in Illinois from start to finish. Director Roby is planning on awarding the bids to the contractor at the July 16, 2012 Village Board meeting. Work on the pool could start as early as August 20, 2012 with Public Works removing components at the park to allow the contractor room at the park. Most of the equipment being taken down is too old and outdated to be reused. Those components that can be removed and reused will be moved to new locations.

The Pre-bid meeting went well. With everything included the project is at \$2,300,000. Shawn believes it could come in lower.

Will questioned if there will be concrete or asphalt in the parking lot, will there be curbs and gutters, parking blocks. Shawn informed the board that there will be a re-work in Williams Park. Traffic patterns will change. 40 more parking spaces could possibly be added to the park.

The current pool is working fine, there is a small leak, but the staff at the pool knows to fill the pool before they leave for the night. This assures that the pump will not burn out. Shawn figures it's only a few hundred gallons to fill a night. The issue about the water heater was fixed, a professional was brought in and the heater is now working fine.

Shawn spoke to the marketing firm on how the Park Board should go about starting the fundraising for the pool. Robin came up with a few different Ideas. One the Village would sell raffle tickets at \$100.00 each. Part of the money would go to the pool fund, part would go to the Open Arms Mission. By having Open Arms in this mix people would feel they are getting more for their money, and be giving to two great causes.

Or sell 2000 at \$50.00, the person purchasing the ticket would have a chance at the car, and the year end party. The marketing firm also had an idea of selling the tickets for \$50.00 the person buying the ticket would get a chance to win the car and a \$25.00 gift card to use in downtown Antioch only. The board all agreed with Shawn that the \$100.00 a ticket or even the \$50.00 a ticket that would allow the purchaser a chance at the car and all the other stuff, alone with a VIP party at Blarney Island with a National Act. Shawn explained that having the Marketing firm working with us to raise the funds for the pool feature, they would start the campaign in August and go into October with TV, Radio and Print. The firm doesn't believe a National act would help the Village's fundraiser only, they believe if the Open Arms Mission was some how linked together, then the Park Board would have a better chance on getting a National Act. Either way 2000 tickets will need to be sold. The VIP party and the Car giveaway will be the first weekend of October, Blarney's Island closes the week before. The Park Board must decide what National act will be performing, and what other prizes will be given away. The Park Board has a decision to make, first what will the price of the ticket be, should it be \$50.00 and drop Open Arms from the donation part of the ticket and have local bands, have fun and have lots of giveaways. Second suggestion would be sell the tickets in 3 levels \$25.00 \$50.00 or \$100.00 with the businesses having a 25% off of any \$100.00 card. The party would be for 21 and older, at Blarney's Island. Gina asked if the Island is safe enough for 2000 people, Shawn assured her it was. Third suggestion was to have a 2 part plan the Park Board would be required to Sell 1200 Tickets at \$50.00, the person buying the ticket will have a chance at the car and all prizes, and the Day Time Party at the Island but no Private Concert. Part B would require 800 tickets to be sold at \$100.00 each. The people who purchase these tickets would be included in all the raffles, the day time party and the Private party with a National Act. Shawn told the Board that October 6, 2012 is the target date for the Party.

The events coming up in the next 2 weeks will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Kids Fun Fest, The tournaments, and Fireworks. Shawn asked for help with the parade line up. Will Martini, Cedric Johnson and Gina Wolf all expressed interest in helping. Then next It's Thursday concert will be R Gang, should be a good night, this band plays Motown. Last year when they played they were well liked. On June 28, 2012 the Salute to the Troops will be the It's Thursday concert, the Navy band will be performing guest speaker will be Captain Steve Bethke US Navy Retired and the Lt. Michael Keppen will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Cruising Antioch will be changing its route this year. In the past this car show would be in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot. But since there are no restaurants or coffee shops in the plaza, the planning committee has changed how the cars will be on display. Route 83 between Lake St and Orchard will have NO PARKING signs up for 24 hours before the show. The cruising cars will line both sides of Route 83. There is enough room for 30 cars.

The Family Milk Jug Boat Regatta will be on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm lunch is included. The North Bridge Church will be the Co-Op on this event. Volunteers are needed.

Skipping back to the Fundraisings, the Park Board needs to make a decision on what Play Feature will the board be fundraising for? Pictures of the Play Feature will be needed for the brochures. The feature that the board seems to like is the Elevations for \$80,000.00 #1-115 or the WaterPlay #100.0 at \$70,000.00. Shawn will email pictures of the Real-Playground in use to everyone once he receives them.

Summer Day Camp has filled up quickly. Antioch Adventures which is the older kids camp was filled to capacity the first day of registration. There are only a very few openings left in Camp Sunshine. Shawn told the Board that he and Libby ironed out the problems they faced with the Vacation request that the parents were worried about. Shawn also told the Board they he and Libby are thinking of having priority registration at the end of the 2012 Summer Day Camp. Anyone wishing to registered for next year would require to pay a \$50,00 registration fee the day of registration, which will be in August 2012, but they will not need to pick the days until spring. This registration would assure that their child will definitely be in camp for the 2013 season.

The Camp Crayon registration is going well with the exception of one class and that would be BK PM. There is no one signed up for this class. Shawn believes that most families today are an 2 income family. Parents just don't have the time anymore to take their child to camp in the afternoon. But Libby is putting together a extended stay program for the BK AM class.

### **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for the period ending May 31, 2012 were reviewed. The budget this year is going in the right direction. The Village has found ways to cut the budget.

### **Other Business**

The Board would love to see Arbor Day come back. Cindy Bucci asked about the All Hands on Deck fundraising plan proposed earlier by the marketing agency, Shawn told her that the original plan, that nothing was being done at this time. Cindy also mentioned that while at Great America in the water park, she noticed umbrella with Coke on them, she asked why can't Antioch approached a major soda business to see if they would sponsor the pool. Shawn told Cindy and the Board that the Coke Signage

is Very Expensive, and that he is working on getting canvases made for the Pool deck area. Shawn also said that there are grants available for communities, but if the Village of Antioch would like to be considered, that the Village would need to start a program that educates residents about danger of extensive sun damage to qualify for the grant.

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Member Will Martini moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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Chair Person Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary