

Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, August 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission was called to order at 7:07 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: Chairman Jim Weber, Commissioners Angela Brooks, Jerry Johnson, Gina Wolf, Cedric Johnson, and Cindy Bucci. Will Martino came in at 7:30 pm Absent: Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Libby A. Baker, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Village Board Liaison Mary Dominiak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Cedric Johnson moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to approve the July 18, 2012 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: All Ayes. No Nays. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber

Chairman Weber would like to see all the Park Board members attend the Park Walks. It is very important that the board talk about repairs that need to be made and ideas about future

improvements. Shawn will doodle all the members a schedule for the next walk, Shawn would like 2 more walks.

Jim would like a location for commemorative bricks at the new pool and asked Director Roby if he could get a size of an area that those could be placed. Once he has the size of a possible location, a decision on the size of bricks to be used can be made.

Directors Report

Pool update

A pre-construction meeting is being held tomorrow (August 23, 2012) with Stuckey Construction and Designer Studio GC to discuss the project as a whole. At this meeting we will be receiving the timeline of construction as well as any other particular questions outstanding currently.

We are still waiting on Illinois Department of Public Health permit. Jim Keim and Shawn will be going to Springfield on Tuesday (August 28) to meet with the gentlemen that reviewed the permit, this is not uncommon, Studio GC has done this before, and should help expedite the permit. The first round of comments came back with 50+ items on it that needed to be addressed.

The tentative start date for construction will be on September 17, 2012 as long as permitting isn't held up. The construction company can demo the site without the state permit but couldn't start any construction without the permit.

Tomorrow (August 23) the Public Works department will start taking down items in the park, volleyball, basketball courts as well as the playground equipment that will be in the way of construction. With regard to the playground equipment, there are only a few items that can be salvaged and reused most of the items wouldn't be acceptable by any standards today for use by children.

Commissioner Brooks asked where the sand from the volleyball courts be going? Director Roby indicated that Public Works will be removing it and placing it in other volleyball courts around the community, specifically North and Osmond Parks.

The pool was cleaned by pool staff immediately following the closing day of the pool. All items that they were uncertain about as well as positive we were keeping have been stored for the winter. These items will be gone through during the winter time to decide what we can and can't keep for the new pool.

Shawn provided the board with the surrounding community's pool fee structure. The park board is being asked for their opinion as to fees associated with a new pool. Obviously the fee structure will have to be altered to make up the difference in operating expenses. There is also concern that Antioch residents will directly pay for the pool through taxes and that non-residents should pay a little more to use the pool. One suggestion is residential discounts vs. non-resident fees. Another concern to keep in mind is that even though there is a wide range of fees, they must take into account the type of pool they are using for comparison.

The operating expenses of the pool are unknown at this point and Shawn believes there may be a matrix for fee structure or at minimum expense matrix. He is going to contact the aqua designers Councilman-Hunsaker to discuss further in the coming days.

Pool passes will also be another topic that needs to be decided as to current pass holders vs. non-pass holders. Some communities give discounts to current pass holders for renewal from year to year. Others offer early bird discounts to those who purchase before a certain date. Commissioner

Bucci asked if it were possible that someone could make payments for their pool passes. Director Roby had indicated that at this time we don't have any formal plan for such a thing but it could be investigated and implemented going forward. Commissioner Brooks has concerns that if the pass expense is too high you will be more likely to get a season pass to some other place like Six Flags.

Commissioner Brooks also had a question if someone could buy a week long pass or something like a punch pass for to use at one time another at the pool. Shawn indicated again anything can be discussed but had concerns with someone being able to buy a punch pass instead of a pool pass for a season that only last about 3 months.

Commissioner Martino has concerns about the sale of pool passes and the pool not opening on-time. Shawn indicated that unfortunately we will have no control on the opening date. The hope is that all construction goes well and Mother Nature doesn't make up for the last winter. This situation will obviously be something we will have to deal with if it were to happen. At this point the pool is planned to be officially open in early June.

Libby mentioned that since the Village does not know what the operational fee will be, we can not make any changes to the pool pass or daily fees right now. The Antioch Aqua Center fees need to stay below surrounding area pools. The expenses for the first year will be high due to the purchasing of many items such as refrigerators, tables, chairs, umbrellas, etc.

Fundraisers: The 2013 Chevrolet Sonic commercial spots will start soon. The raffle cards have been switched from \$25.00 discount to \$15.00 discount for the merchants for every \$50.00 purchase. There are no raffle numbers on the cards. At this point we will only be selling the cards online and the cards will be mailed to the residents. Names will be drawn for the raffle. Robin from the marketing firm will only be printing 2500 tickets.

The giveaway will be on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Raymond Chevrolet. Raymond has agreed to allow us to set up the event in their location for the night.

Upcoming events: Fall Fest is Saturday, September 8, 2012. We are in need of Volunteers; Shawn has emailed everyone on the Village volunteer list. The event is being headlined by Awful Truth and Mt. Olive. The Adventure Race will start the day at 10:00 am.

Saturday, September 22, 2012 will be the 99 Year Street Dance and Fireworks. We have Bella Cain and Modern Day Romeos both playing the both have agreed to alternate sets starting at 5:00 pm. The fireworks will be launched at approximately at 8:15 pm. We are planning attendance at 2,500 and could spike to 7,500 people during the fireworks.

Fall Wine Walk will be on Saturday, September 29, 2012. We will again need volunteers. Mary Dominiak expressed that the merchants are concerned with the people walking on the sidewalks with wine still in their glasses. Shawn indicated that he would explain to participants that they are not supposed to be carrying open alcohol from place to place. He will also talk with the Police Department about having the explorers come down and help warn people during the event.

The September Park Board meeting Shawn will not be here, due to his brother getting married in New Orleans. Libby Baker will be present to give reports that are planned for the event.

Program Supervisor Libby Baker Report:

Summer Day Camp finished on August 10, 2012. This year there were 140 campers. A new Kiddie Kamp was introduced and was a big hit with 25 little campers.

Camp Crayon will at the beginning of the next month. Traditionally we have 100 kids in the 5 classes that Camp Crayon offers, but unfortunately we only have 70 signed up at this point. The BK PM class has been cancelled due to low enrollment.

Libby has arranged with the Gurnee Park District to join with them during a staff training session on Monday, (August 27), our teachers will join them again on Friday, (August 31). for another session. Libby will be bringing in a speaker on Tuesday (August 28), for a behavior problem presentation. Next Wednesday August 28, 2012 is Parents Meet The Teachers Night.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2012 were reviewed.

Other Business

Commissioner Brooks and Johnson indicated that they are not receiving the doodle emails. During the last month the Director Roby cancelled the park walk and Commissioner Brooks hadn't seen her email prior to showing up for the meeting that didn't take place. Commissioner Brooks asked that going forward that the park administration also call/text them to ensure that changes are received if someone doesn't check their email.

Commissioner Johnson indicated that he did complete the OMA (Open Meeting Act) course online. Commissioner Johnson was the first to complete the course among the park board members and turned in his certificate to Director Roby. Commissioner Johnson also asked if someone could send him the example of the park history format for the masterplan again.

Commissioner Martino, Springer Park construction started two weeks ago and Mary's Park was painted and it looks beautiful. Commissioner Martino would like to see a formal thank you sent to those that painted Mary's Park. Director Roby indicated that the young gentleman that painted it hasn't gotten the names to him yet.

Commissioner Bucci questioned the Village website is being updated regularly? Shawn explained that a new website is under construction and soon we will have a new running soon. Due to that there are many links missing or broken. The Parks Department will have approximately 31 new pages. Classes, Events, Parks, Camp Crayon, Summer Day Camp. Information will be updated weekly.

Director Roby, The Fall and Winter Brochure goes to print on Monday, the online version will be live by Friday. Shawn has been researching costs for printing the brochure and mailing it to all the residents in the Village and Township. It seems that he found a source outside of Antioch that can print and mail the next brochure for the same price that our printer is charging us for just printing them now. Shawn believes that mailing these brochures will benefit the Parks department.

Chairman Weber would like an update on the SaveWinSwim campaign; he would like to see number on the cards. Chairman Weber would like a meeting with Robin so the board can talk about the fundraising ideas.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Brooks to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary