

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Wednesday June 19, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Park Board acting Chairman Wolf called the June 19, 2013 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:15 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Brooks, R. Horton, Martino, Bucci and acting Chairman Wolf. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Acting Director/ Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Recording Secretary Galster, Board Liaison Jerry Johnson, Absent C. Johnson. Chairman Weber arrived at 7:20 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Bucci moved, seconded by Member Brooks to approve the April 17, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: Brooks, R. Horton, Wolf, Martino, Bucci, **No:** 0. **Absent:** C. Johnson. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No report.

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber -**

Chairman Weber congratulated Ron Horton and welcomed him to the Park Board.

The Saw Mill still needs work, Jim asked Shawn about the budget available for improvements to the Saw Mill for improvements. Shawn said that a gentleman named Jack had called and asked if he could get a group of people together to get the park back into shape. Shawn told him about the Friends of Parks program. Jack has a lawyer friend that will look into this program to see if they will be able to raise the funds on their own to help improve the parks, and unfortunately the Village cannot be part of this program. Shawn said he plans on sending the next group of community service people into the park to weed and clean out the debris. Shawn would like to see two Arbor Day (park clean-up) type activities. Teams of volunteers would go and clean up two parks that are in the most need of clean up. Shawn explained that the Public Works Department is so behind on the repairs at the parks. The volunteers that do help are the same people every time. The mulch program has not been started yet, the two that will be in charge of this program haven't had the time to seed these parks let alone mulch them.

## **Director of Parks & Recreation/ Special Events Coordinator: Shawn Roby**

Shawn started off apologizing to Commissioner Ron Horton that he did not send the board packet to him, Shawn forgot to get Commissioners Horton's email address. Gina, Will, Shawn and Trustee Johnson did their park walk thru at the Aqua Center and Williams Park. At this point the playground will not be put back into the park for a year. Shawn would like to see the final park layout before he decides where the playground equipment should go. The park has lost only half of its basketball court. The Public Works Department put one basket up in the far end of the parking lot. One volleyball court has been completed, and another one has been started and should be completed before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The grass in the park is growing nicely. The park is starting to look great.

### **Discussion of Pool**

Some of the paint in the pool has a paint peeling problem, and will need to be fixed in the fall after the pool closes. Shawn believes the problem with the paint peeling was the fact that the pool needed to be painted while the weather stayed above 50 degrees, unfortunately the weather went below 50 degrees in the evening and overnight hours. The contractor has been made aware of the problem and funds were retained because of it. The State of Illinois has already documented that the pool paint needs to be repaired before May of 2014. Plans are to have the contractor return in the fall, sand blast the entire pool and repaint it. There are also minor flooding issues in the changing rooms, the floors in the shower areas have not been pitched properly so the water runs into the hall area. The pool staff goes into the changing room once an hour to clean any water that may puddle. The contractor will be correcting this problem in the fall.

The Public Work employees are still having a problem getting the chemical management system down. Dropping the chorine at 1.8 – 1.9 should be at 2.0 they have gone through 500 gallons in 13 days. They were used to working with the old, efficient system of gas chlorine, which is more dangerous. The first 30 days the contractor is responsible to pay for the chemical operation of the pool.

Overall the pool is operating as anticipated, at this point over 1036 passes have been sold. That is 408 packages. Last year we sold only 242 passes. In the first week we brought in 1288 people that paid \$6.00 each. If the trend continues we should be at 11000 paid attendance and 1200 passes. Already the concessions are over 50% sold over last year.

Shawn admitted that there are still some problems; unfortunately the summer day camp is at the pool between 1 – 3 pm which can cause a quite busy time between those hours. One problem we might encounter have on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is allowing people to enter at a reduced rate like we have in the past. We have over 1100 pass holders, Shawn feels that this will create problems. He has suggested to the board, not to offer any discounts on the 4<sup>th</sup>, this will eliminate problems with pass holders. When the pool is at capacity it will be a one in one out situation. There will be so many functions going on in the park that day already, kid's fest, softball tournament, volleyball tournament, bags tournament, music, food. There will be enough things going on to keep everyone busy. Angela asked if the board should vote on the entry fee, Shawn told the board there wasn't enough time to go to the Village Board with this; he plans on discussing it with Village Administrator Jim Keim.

Ron questioned the panic bars on the exit doors in the changing rooms, Shawn assured that the doors are secured and the alarm is quite loud, the swim team found this out the first week. There have been no problems with it since.

Shawn also brought up the fact the Lions Club and Rescue Squad has their Chicken Dinner/BBQ in August. The tradition in the past was anyone that attended the event was allowed to go swimming for free. Shawn will suggest to the board to stop this tradition and only allow those who purchase a dinner be allowed to enter the pool for free.

The Fire Department Pancake breakfast will be held on the morning of Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> along with the blood drive, Shawn announced to the Park Board that on that same Sunday the Pool will have their Official Grand Opening and Dedication to Winnie Sorensen. The Mayor will officially open the pool by sliding down the slide in his tuxedo. Shawn has invited all former Mayors, Trustees and Lake County Officials.

Gina questioned the grand opening; she thought it would be on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Shawn explained that so many things caused the delay; the play structure wasn't in place yet and inspected. The flooding and delay in painting the pool. Shawn apologized to the Board he hasn't spent any time on any of the other events or concerts.

The Parks & Recreation Department has been experiencing computer problems for the past 2 weeks. Unfortunately the pool cannot accept credit cards, and the Parks department could not enter and financial information into Summit. It took Toni and Bernadette 2-3 days to enter all the data into Summit. There are still problems that are being corrected.

### **Antioch Community Farm Discussion.**

A resident would like to take the Bitner property and make an organic farm on it. He has been working with the schools for about a year; the farm would help students learn about farming. This resident would like to start this fall; he has plans to change the property, and wants permission to use the property but has not spelled out the cost to the village for this process. Shawn has not seen any real plans yet, he believes it a good concept. Shawn expressed that this property was purchased for over \$425,000.00 and was supposed to be a park, so Shawn would like ideas from the board on what kind of questions to ask the resident about the use of the property.

Ron Horton questioned where is the board right now in their future plans on the Bitner property? Jim Weber explained that the property was originally purchased for the pool, the neighbor of the property as agreed to sell the Village the land next to the Bitner property, to be a park, she did not want houses going up next to hers.

Ron has spoken to Shawn about goals to build 3 Baseball diamonds on this property, with a concession stand in the middle. Ron also mentioned that the studies have shown that 90% of the people that attend the pool are from walking traffic, this was one of the main reasons the pool has remained in the location it is today. The Bitner property was purchased for a park and should remain a park.

Shawn explained that there are so many parks in Antioch that can be developed. Shawn suggested that phases 3 & 4 should not be developed, it will sink, and this has been confirmed. The high school would like to turn the soccer field within Tim Osmond Sports Complex into a competition field. Shawn would like to Co-Op fields with other communities. Shawn believes

intergovernmental agreements between different municipal entities and communities will be the way to get bigger things in the future. Shawn indicated that the master planning process needs to be completed so we have the vision of the community in hand when we plan this process.

Pederson Park will have the parking lot enlarged this July or August when the road program begins.

Shawn told the board that when a developer comes into Antioch the Village should be putting the pressure on them for more amenities for the other parks in town. As Jim Weber has always said we should accept nothing but flat usable land going forward.

### **Upcoming Events**

Fall Fest: Shawn explained to the Board that with the Fire Departments 100th birthday this fall, he believes that the date should be changed to the third week of October with the help of the board, Toni will be able to pull it all together. Shawn asked the Board to vote on whether the Fall Fest should be first or second week of October?

**Yes:** 5: Brooks, R. Horton, Wolf, Martino, Bucci, **No:** 0. **Absent:** C. Johnson. THE MOTION CARRIED

Cruisen Antioch will be on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration will include the 5k Run held by the State Bank of the Lakes, the parade at 10:30 am, followed by the Kids Festival. The softball tournament and volleyball and horseshoe tournament will be going on at Williams Park. The Moose Lodge and Lions Club will be providing all the food and drink. The Fire Department will have a 5 man barricade hookup competition. After the kids festival will be the bags tournament. Bands will start at 3:00 pm and continue up until the fireworks that will start at 9:00 pm. The cardboard boat regatta will be on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The classic custom card show will be held during the It's Thursday concert series on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The following week on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> is our Rock Rumble. Volunteers are needed at all the events. Shawn told the board that he had been playing with the idea of offering movie theater passes to volunteers in exchange for volunteering. Shawn said that with the help from the Antioch Report, Jude has been reporting all the events that have been happening in Antioch and what events will be happening in Antioch. Angela asked if a banner could be put across Lake or Main Street. Shawn explained that if the Village allows one banner, then everyone would want to have their banners put up. Besides the fact that everyone would want to put one up they are traditionally put up on Lake Street and the amount of wind that travels down the length of the street. Shawn would like to see event signs and farmer market signs at the entrances of each subdivision.

Libby Bakers last day will be Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Shawn will start interviewing on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Shawn is looking for someone that will grow the programs bigger than they are today. Shawn said he would like to see a sports camp for the kids that are currently in the Summer Day Camp, it would start the week after the Summer Day Camp ends and go through the day school starts.

Will asked about Libby's exit interview, and if the board could have access to the content from the exit interview. Shawn said he will check with Jim Keim about it.

Tom Adamczyk told Shawn the Waves Swim Team might be growing bigger next year. If this happens, than the swim team will need more swim time, if this happens we may lose the 8:45 am

swim lesson time. Shawn does not want this to happen, so he will be talking to the swim team to figure out different swim times for the team. Shawn would like to see the pool open May 10<sup>th</sup> next year.

### **Libby Bakers Report**

Currently the Antioch Adventurers are maxed out at 70 kids per day. The Camp Sunshine has 25 – 30 kids per day in the camp. Josy our Camp Director has 6 field trips planned for the summer. The Sports Camp was cancelled due to low enrollment, Kiddie Kamp will continue but the enrollment is also low. Libby is still getting phone calls for Camp Crayon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes are full, Tuesday and Thursday classes are close to being full. The afternoon class Monday, Wednesday, Friday BK class will be cancelled.

### **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for the period ending May 31, 2013 were reviewed. The budget this year is going in the right direction. The Village has found ways to cut the budget.

### **Other Business**

Angela encourages Volunteers to help out; she asked if maybe we should offer coffee and donuts. Shawn explained that we already do offer coffee and donuts in the mornings of the events.

Gina questioned the fundraising for the pool; will we be selling the bricks? Will there be a sign on the play feature for the donors that donated money toward it? Shawn told her that a sign was being made for the play feature, with the major donator's names on it.

Will would like the support of the Park Board on his service swap program that he would like to approach the Village Board with. The program would be for the Home Owners Association in each subdivision. The HOA would do the work in the subdivision that the public works can not get too. They would cut the grass, weed the parks and any other task that needed to be done that they could do, in exchange the public works department would come and do jobs in the subdivision like fix a sidewalk, or install electric at Sprenger Park's pavilion. Public works would do the jobs that require special tools, and skills. Cindy and Jim have a problem with the program; this is the first they have heard of it, they would like more information to read about it before they can support it. Will explained that all he needs is the board to support him and his idea, the Village Board would do the research on it and vote if it is worth going forward with the program. Shawn told the board he will send the agreement that he has to each one and they can read it before they agree to support it.

Angela motioned to go forward to investigate the Service Swap Program Pilot, Ron Horton 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 4 Yes, Brooks, Horton, Wolf, Martino 1 No, Bucci. The Motioned Carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Member A. Brooks moved, seconded by Member W. Martino to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:44 p.m.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary