

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday July 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Wolf called the July 17, 2013 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:07 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: Horton, Wolf, C. Johnson, Bucci and Chairman Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Acting Director/ Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Libby Baker, Recording Secretary Galster, Absent W. Martino. A. Brooks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Bucci moved, seconded by Member Horton to approve the June 19, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 4: R. Horton, J. Wolf, C. Johnson, C. Bucci,

No: 0. Absent: A. Brooks, W. Martino THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber -

Chairman Weber questioned Shawn about the Saw Mill and the gentleman that is trying to get a lawyer to assist in the getting "Friends of the Parks" project started. Shawn stated that at this point he has community service workers weeding the park. At this point the project "Friends of the Park" is on hold until they can get a lawyer to help them set up the account for donations and everything else that will be involved.

Chairman Weber asked if anything was happening with Will Martino's Service Swap Agreement, Shawn told him that he will discuss it later in the meeting.

Chairman Weber, welcomed Mary Quilty to the Village of Antioch's Parks and Recreation Department and wished her well.

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

Senior Center Resolution 10-72 Discussion

Paul Howard stated that in 2010 the Village of Antioch approached him about the financial crisis that Antioch was in. An agreement was arranged between the Village and the senior council that 100% of the senior helper and 50% of the director salary be paid out of the Dolly

Spiering Fund and the remaining portion of the Directors salary be paid out of the general fund. This became the "Senior Center Resolution 10-72". Within resolution 10-72 is was also agreed upon that the board would revisit the arrangement within 3 years or when the economy has recovered. On July 19, 2013 the three years will have past and nothing at this point has been decided on what the Village plans on doing as far as Senior Center Director's salary and the helpers salary. To date there is still \$800,000.00 in the fund, but if things remain status quo the fund will depleted within the next 10 years. The senior council is asking for the salary and benefits from the two employees be removed from the Dolly Spiering fund and moved back to the general fund.

Recommendations have been to still have the Village pay 50% of his Salary and Benefits, and check into seeing if the Township is willing to pickup the other 50% of his salary. Shawn told the Park Board that as of today the Senior Center membership consisted of 40% Village residents, 34% Township residents and 26% of residents from surrounding community. Ron Horton feels that a relief fund from the Township to assist in Paul's Salary and Benefits would be the only fair approach to this problem. Ron said he would like to see this set up by next May 2014. Paul asked the Board that he is just looking for a decision so in 8 months when the new budget is up for review, this new "Resolution" is on the new budget.

Jim Weber requested to see the last 3 years accounting to see where the money has been spent before he makes his decision. How much money is brought into the Senior Center through membership dues and meals served, maintenance expense & income. Shawn mentioned that Township residents have taxes levied for their senior's more so then the Village does. Paul Howard only wants to make sure that the senior's are not taken for granted. Before the Dolly Spiering fund came about, Paul's salary and benefits were paid through Catholic Charities. Shawn expressed that the Village was upside down until the utility tax was created and still that fund is marked for certain expenditures like reserve formation etc...

Senior Council John Pecci expressed his feeling if the Village is doing better, then they should not be using their Dolly Fund to pay Paul, but instead use the village's money. Shawn reminded the council that the money being used is for the senior center as the director and assistant do in fact work for the senior center. Shawn recommends that the resolution should go before the "COW" Committee of the Whole for future review. Cindy Bucci believes that is should go back to the way it was, 100% through the Village of Antioch. And that the Township should help fund the senior center due to the number of outside members use the center. Gina Wolf agreed with Cindy that the township should contribute to the relieving the Spiering fund of this salary and benefits. Shawn reminded the board for clarity purposes and to help give a recommendation to the Village Board a decision should be made as to what is going to happen currently with the fund. The recommendation before the board is remain status quo for the remainder of the 2013-14 budget year and pick up 100% of the salary and benefit cost starting in the 2014-15. Shawn requested a vote.

Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: R. Horton, G. Wolf, C. Johnson, C. Bucci, J. Weber. **No:** 0
Absent: A. Brooks, W. Martino THE MOTION CARRIED. With one clause in the contract, regarding section B. Section 6a and 6b be rescinded in their entirety and future salary and benefit payments be made from the Village General Funds.

Sports Camp

Shawn and Mary are considering having Sports Camp with 5 Star Sports. The camp would start the week after the Summer Day Camp ends, which is Monday, August 9th. Shawn believes this would help the parents that have to work, this would help fill the gap between camp and school.

Pool Update

Shawn expressed that the pool is operating great. The pool can not accept credit cards yet, the Village is in the middle of switching ITs. To fix the problem it will cost the Village close to \$4000.00 Shawn will be meeting with the new IT people on Friday.

Only a couple of issues still remain at the Aqua Center, water is building up in front of the showers in the locker rooms has been a continuing problem, kids and adults are slipping so the staff once an hour or more will go into the bath house to clean up the water, Shawn has placed mats throughout bath house for now, Shawn has been in contact with the contractor to see if there are any solutions to fixing this problem.

The second issue is that Shawn has received numerous phone calls from upset mothers that there are too many kids at the pool every single day. Shawn and Mary are aware of this problem and are considering a change for next summers Summer Day Camp. Perhaps water day, not at the pool, or maybe not going to the pool every day only certain days will help alleviate the problem. This will give the public a chance to enjoy the pool without the summer day camp kids.

Next year Shawn is considering raising the program fees at the pool. The gas bills are higher then anticipated. The Aqua Center received its first gas bill, \$6,500.00. Though the income at the pool is more then expected, the chemicals for a month of operation are averaging \$2000.00. The pool parties are a huge success, everyday is booked through the remaining year with the exception of August 20th, 21st, and 22nd. The pool will be opening the last week at 4:00 pm and closing at 7:45 on Monday and Friday due to parties booked. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday it will open at 4:00 pm and close at 8:00 pm. Shawn and Jim Keim are considering building a deck over the grass area next year to give the day campers a place off the deck to congregate. Shawn told the board that in the future he would recommend that building a spray park near the pool, before recommending any additions to the pool.

Antioch Community Farm Discussion

Mr. Valentine did not attend tonight's meeting, but Mr. Valentine and his group have been asked to go through both Environmental and Parks Commission before he goes before the Village Board Trustees. As of today, the Environmental Commission has lots of questions for the group which have not been answered.

Adopt Antioch-Community Cleanup Day April – September

Shawn would like to see another clean up day this year, by September. He asked the board if they felt this could be accomplished. Shawn also asked the board if this could be a once a month function, perhaps the 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month starting in April and going through September. Shawn said if everyone on the board could ask their HOA to get a group of volunteers together then we would be able to get each park cleaned. Board agreed that this could happen. Cindy Bucci asked since Sharefest is connected with Northbridge Church, perhaps they would be willing to help us, she feels that this would be a perfect place to start, the Board could get on a schedule with all the volunteers that show up at the Sharefest at least it is a start. Shawn told the board that he would contact Mark Albrecht. The Cub Scouts would also be a great organization to

have help, but Shawn mentioned that the Cub Scouts need a year in advance for planning events like this one, so we need to start planning soon.

HOA Service Swap Agreement

Unfortunately Will Martino was not at this meeting. Shawn told the Board that Public Works does have concerns. 1 – Items – Future contractor, what will they be asked to do. 2 – Where does it stop, what kinds of work will they need the Public Works to do and what are they willing to exchange for it. Shawn feels there is a lot of work ahead to get this program together.

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market is every Thursday 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm through Oct 9th. The Taste of Antioch starts Thursday and goes through Sunday. The Budweiser Clydesdales are coming to Antioch on Thursday, July 25th. They will be hitching up in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot starting at 4:00 pm. They will visit the Limerick, Mexican Café, The Lodge, Wings Etc, and The Piggly Wiggly before going to Anastasia's for their party.

Thursday, August 1st will be the Annual Class and Custom Car show along with the "It's Thursday Concert Series" Shawn is in need of volunteers to line up the cars. On Wednesday, August 7th the Village will be having the 2nd Cruisin Antioch. Fall Wine Walk tickets go on sale Tuesday, August 13th at 9:00 am. And Friday, August 9th is our Rock Rumble. The Fireman's 100th birthday celebration will be held on Saturday, September 14th in the public parking lot off of Toft Street, same location as last year. Fall Fest will be on Saturday, October 19th.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2013 were reviewed. The budget this year is going in the right direction. The Village has found ways to cut the budget.

Other Business

Gina Wolf ask Shawn if coolers were allowed at the pool, Shawn told the board, no coolers of any kind are allowed in the pool or locker room area at the Antioch Aqua Center. Shawn explained that the staff have been catching people as they come in with the coolers and asking them to leave the cooler in their cars, and explaining to them if they want to have lunch, then they should have it under the pavilion. Coolers where never allowed in the pool and it is written on each sign around the pool but Shawn will have signs made stating No Coolers Allowed posted nice and big for everyone to see.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member R. Horton moved, seconded by Member C. Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary