

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday August 21, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Wolf called the August 21, 2013 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:13 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, Horton, Wolf, C. Johnson, Bucci and Chairman Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Acting Director/ Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Galster, W. Martino arrived at 7:17 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Horton moved, seconded by Member Johnson to approve the July 17, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 6: Brooks, Horton, Wolf, Martino, Johnson, Bucci, **Motion Carried No: 0. Absent:**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mulch asked Shawn about the William Brooks Wetland, Shawn told him he will address that issue later in the meeting.

Tom Adamczyk, President of the Antioch Waves Team, addressed the Park board with a few issues that the team experienced during the first season the pool was opened. Tom first thanked Shawn and the lifeguard for the wonderful job they did this year at the pool. He commended the great environment the pool staff created. With that said Tom continued with the fact that his team members are having a difficult time getting to the pool earlier to start practice, Tom would like to see the team starting later. The weather in the morning in early June has been 48 degrees. Unfortunately if the teams start later, it will overlap even longer with swim lessons that the Parks & Recreation department offers at 8:45 am, Shawn explained that the parents loved the earlier swim lessons and would like to continue it. Ron Horton questioned why not have a 45 minute practice for the younger kids and 1-1/2 hour for the older kids. Key issues are the Waves need 3 hours and 45 minutes for practice. 20 kids up to 13 and 14 years old, practice in the early hours of the morning. Tom told the board he has roughly 65 kids in the pool practicing every day. Right now they have 29 kids in advanced, 30 kids in intermediate and 19 kids in beginners. Only 1 kid will age out, meaning he will not be back next year. Tom continued with a list of problems he saw at the pool, hook lines that are loose, and boy locker room flooding. Tom wants to make sure that the storage area that the Waves store their equipment will not flooded again next year as it has most of this year. It is flooded due to a drainage pitch problem especially in the girl bathroom. Tom would also like to have an enclosed bulletin board so the Waves can post all their meets and any other information that is important to their team somewhere along the exterior wall of the complex.

Tom told the board that the Waves are considering changing conferences. If they go with the other conference, they will need to close the pool for an entire day in July for a conference meets, during the week every X number of years. Ron asked Shawn what would the loss of an entire day be if the pool was closed for this conference during the week,. Shawn indicated that if the pool where to be closed it would be a loss of anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,500 in revenue. If they stay in their current conference, they will want to host a conference meet at the pool, but the that meet would be on a Saturday and the team would have to bid on the meet in order to get it. In order for them to hold the meet they would need to have the pool for the entire day. Will Martino questioned Tom, what will the Village make during the time the Waves has the pool? Shawn told Will that the Waves like our other organizations are not charged anything to utilize the pool. Will expressed he would like to see the Waves financial records. Tom told the board he will get all the financial numbers to Shawn. Tom also informed the board that the Waves had fundraisers to pay for the starting blocks that are currently installed at the pool. The Waves pay \$500 - \$700 dollars for each event they attend. That is roughly \$3.00 per individual for each event.

Last thing on Tom's list, the Waves are looking into purchasing a scoreboard for the pool. Their question to the board was where to install it? North side of the fence would be the only logical area. The scoreboard would cost roughly 3 to 4 thousand dollars. Angela asked Tom when they will need to let the conference know which conference they plan to be in. Tom told her sometime during the spring.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber -Jim questioned what was happening with the Saw Mill, Shawn explained that the two people that had visited the Parks office were concerned about the rock walls surrounding the pond, the stones are sliding down into the water. They would like to see our public works department fix it, they offered to get friends together to help. Shawn is recommending that our next Arbor Day project be the Saw Mill to get it back into shape. He also advised that this fall the Parks commission should get together with volunteers to winterize the park. Ron suggested that the branches in the park that need cutting should be cut before they start sapping in the spring. Ron also mentioned that he will contact Dennis Murphy to use his backhoe to fix the sliding stones. Angela would like to see the Saw Mill building open during the time we are cleaning the park, she indicated that "it would be nice to have a Historian there to talk about the Saw Mill and its history".

Mr. Weber asked commissioner Martino how the HOA Service Swap was going; Will explained that nothing had been done so far. Will needed to sit down with Dennis Heimbrodt to discuss the possible solutions

Jim also had interest in opening the time capsule that was put at the sawmill in 1976 as he believed it was to be opened 30 years later.

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

This is the final week of the pool. The Aqua Center opens at 4:00 pm each day due to the lack of staff. Unfortunately this week the temperatures will be in the 90's. The Parks Department and Village Hall have had many phone calls complaining about these hours.

Shawn spoke of the letter he received from a disturbed resident, and how we should run the pool hours. Shawn indicated that Zion's pool is already closed; Great Americas Hurricane Harbor is closed during the week as well as Gurnee's pool so our pool was in between these two solutions for the college and high school kids that go back to school.

Major work on pool, On September 3rd and 4th the pool will start its winterizing procedures. The contractor will be back to completely sandblast the entire pool. Which means the water feature in the zero depth area will need to be taken down. The entire pool will then be completely repainted. All form marks will be sanded down, underwater lights repaired, bathroom drainage problem will be resolved and filter pump air suction issue will be addressed. State requires that all work must be completed by May 2014, before the pool can re-open.

Pool passes. Shawn spoke about the pool passes and how it will work next year. It was not in this year's budget to fix the problem with accepting credit cards. Next year there will be a whole new system in place. Will asked Shawn for a complete breakdown of all expenses and revenue for the Aqua Center 2013 season.

Co-Op Update

The Co-Op is made up of Village & Township Trustees, Jim Keim, Shawn Roby, Jerry Johnson, Jim McKay from District 34 were all in attendance. The major topic of the meeting was the fields on the top of the hill at Tim Osmond Sports Complex, the fact that they are sinking. The question by district 117 was can they come down and utilize the soccer fields. The school district has offered to work on the fields at their own cost to prepare them for next spring and fall. Right now AYLL and AYSO are the only organizations using these fields. 5 Star Sports uses the smaller fields. The football fields are used by Lacrosse in the spring and Viking football in the fall. The High School with an intergovernmental agreement would have a shared use with AYSO. District 117 also needs baseball and softball fields in the future so this would be a great pilot program. Shawn believes that all groups need to get together and build these fields together which is the best solutions to the tax payer over the long run.

HOA Service Swap Agreement

At this point Will Martino has not talked with anyone regarding the service swap. Will is not looking for anything outside the neighborhood. Shawn indicated that Will needed to contact Dennis from Public Works to discuss what kinds of services will be required from each one.

Bench Dedication Discussion

A resident of Antioch has been inquiring about a dedication bench she would like to purchase and have dedicated and placed in Centennial Park in memory of her grandson. The Village Board wants a policy in place in regards to placement of these benches. Shawn has asked the board to do some homework on dedicated benches, overall who's responsibility is it to take care of these benches in the future.

Upcoming Events

The Farmers Market is winding down; the season will officially end October 10th. The Fireman's 100th birthday celebration will be on Saturday, September 14, 2013 followed by the 4th Annual Fall Wine Walk on Saturday, September 28th. At this point there are 54 people on the wait list. Family Kite Flying day will be on Sunday, September 29th at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex. Fall Fest will be 3 weeks later on Saturday, October 19th, one week later the Treat the Streets will be on Saturday, October 26th. The 2013 Annual Christmas parade will be

on Friday, November 29th at 6:00 pm. And to finish the year we have extended the Polar Express by 2 days this year. Thursday, December 12, and Thursday, December 13th have been added to the schedule, as well as Thursday and Friday, December 19th & 20th. Volunteers are needed at each of the events.

William E Brooks Wetlands

Shawn told the board that the Lions Club will donate \$4800.00 if the Village will match it. The signs on the paths are old and in bad shape. The club in conjunction with the Village would like to replace the old signs with the ones that are at Sprenger park. These are the type of signs that can be left up all year long. Shawn has asked the board to please keep an eye on their assigned parks for vandalism and to report anything that needs repair.

Program Supervisor Report

Mary spoke about the upcoming Camp Crayon classes and the new classes that will be starting in September. Terrific 2's and 3's class have taken over the meeting room at the Parks office. Kids that turn 3 after September 1st will be able to join this class. This year there is enough kids to have the BK afternoon class on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Theresa Kovach, our 3 year old Camp Crayon lead teacher has left us to pursue a full time teaching career at the Grass Lake Elementary School. Christina Bond has been hired to take her position. Mary will be hosting a book fair this winter at the Camp Crayon gym for one week. Angela Brooks asked Mary if there was a chance that a before & afternoon program would be started for children in kindergarten. Mary told Angela there has been no talk about it yet. Space is very limited, so Shawn spoke about the cost of the parks programs and the would like the board to re-visit them to see if the prices should be raised. Mary would like to bring Kiddie Kamp back to the Scout House next year. Mary would also like to see swimming lessons included in the cost of Summer Day Camp. Mary feels this is a life skill and we should be teaching the kids in camp. Perhaps have a special time for camp kids only. Mary says her biggest complaint that she has is the Tween years 12 – 14 years old and that there are no programs for this age group. Mary plans on working on a plan for next year.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending July 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

Gina wanted to know how long does the pool keep lost and found items? Shawn told her 1 week, Gina believes it should be longer.

Will questioned the aeration at Sprenger Ballfield, when does the Village plan on working in the fields, and seeding them. Will also asked if Mary's Park was on the schedule for work to be done.

Jim Weber asked the board if the September 18th meeting could be changed to September 24th due to i his wedding anniversary and he will not be able to attend the meeting. Gina 1st motioned to change the date and Will 2nd motioned. All agreed. September's Park Board meeting was changed to September 24, 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member A. Brooks moved, seconded by Member R. Horton to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary