

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Wednesday September 24, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Park Board Chairman Wolf called the September 24, 2013 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:14 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: Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cindy Bucci and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Galster, Absent Angela Brooks, Cedric Johnson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Cindy Bucci moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to approve the August 21, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 4: Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cindy Bucci.

**No:** 0. **Absent:** Angela Brooks, Cedric Johnson. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No report.

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber:**

Jim would like to see more volunteers working on the parks in the Village, trimming trees, and weeding the gardens. Shawn explained that the Parks office has received several calls and had visits from concerned residents about the Saw Mill. Shawn has suggested assigning at least 50 volunteers for our Arbor Day clean up. Shawn would like to see people sign up prior to the event.

If there are at least 50 people then the group could be split into two groups. The park sites would be ready to work on; the volunteers would be asked to bring tools with them the day of the clean up. Ron Horton suggested getting local organizations to help. Shawn told the Board that the Antioch High School Honor Society had called the Parks office looking for programs for their students to work on. Shawn would like to see the Friends of the Park and the Park Board Members help out with the monthly park clean-up (one park a month), maybe once a month. Instead of large projects, perhaps smaller jobs each month. Shawn asked if everyone could check with their HOA to see if any of the homeowners would be willing to help in their local park.

The Boy Scouts plan their calendar of events nine months in advance, so they need to be contacted now in order to get the boys to help out on Arbor Day.

Shawn would like to know how many HOA's there are in the Village and try to get an Adopt a Park program started, this way we can assign groups to certain parks. Will Martino questioned if the HOA has Earth Day. Shawn explained that help is very limited.

We should approach the youth organizations in town. There should be at least three clean up dates a year. The families of our youth organizations (Vikings, AYLL, AYSO etc...) could possibly be split up to clean different parks. At this point the teams already know that they should be emptying the garbage cans when they are done for the night at the park they are playing at. Will Martino would like to review the facility contract too see what the organizations are required to do at their park. Will Martino also asked if other communities have the same agreements with their organizations as Antioch does? Ron Horton believes if you get the kids involved and organized the work that needs to be done, will get done.

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

#### **Stakeholders Meeting Update:**

At the recent stakeholders meeting, the group discussed future athletic facilities and space needs. Shawn explained that there is space available to develop; it would be easier to develop it together with all the stakeholders. Northbridge Church indicated to the group that they have land that could be used in the future. The stakeholders plan on putting together an inventory list of all available space and future use.

Shawn needs a mock schedule of the use that each park requires, and what organization needs what park during what time of the year. Shawn told the Board that the stakeholders have a meeting every fourth Tuesday of the month if anyone would like to attend.

#### **Bench Dedication Discussion:**

The Village Board would like the Park Board and staff to craft a policy involving bench donation. Shawn included in the packets other communities Memorial Policy's. Shawn would like the board to come up with their own policy for the dedication of bench for the Village of Antioch. Jim Weber expressed that he had no problem with the residents going through the Park Board to get a bench installed, he would like to know how it will be paid for. Shawn indicated that a perpetuity account some communities set up to help keep a maintenance fund available for the purchased benches. Shawn also commented that the board will need to include how they will approach the family that dedicated the bench if it gets damaged. Cindy Bucci had asked if the bench could be metal instead of wood. Shawn would like the board to list the possible locations for future benches in the policy as well as how to replace a bench or plaque when they are damaged. The Park Board members should have an outline of the policy by the October Board meeting. Shawn will then bring the policy to the November COW meeting for approval.

Jim Weber asked if any of the bricks and plaque at the Saw Mill will be replaced.

#### **Pool Discussion:**

The pools punch list has been started by the contractor. Certain items cannot be completed until spring. We are in the process of waiting for the approval on the paint that will replace the

rubberized latex. Sandblasting will start the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to start painting in mid October if weather permits. If the contractor waits until spring to paint they may have to sandblast all over again. Shawn also mentioned that the bath house flooding will be corrected.

The Waves are requesting more time in the pool. Shawn mentioned that in order to accommodate the Waves we could investigate moving the Parent – Tot swim time could be earlier. Another option could be to remove the advanced and possibly the intermediate swim lessons from the earlier lessons and combine them with the parent-tot swim time. This would give the Waves 5 lanes to practice in, instead of the 4 that they already have. Shawn has suggested it could be possible that certain lessons not be taught at the same time the Waves are in the pool.

Mary Quilty as proposed, including swim lessons for all summer day campers for the entire summer. Lessons would be included in their fee, and will assure that all campers will learn how to swim. Campers able to swim would be able to enjoy the deeper end of the pool, which will ease up the shallow end of the pool. Other possible classes could include Water Zumba and Water Aerobics. What the Board needs to come up with is a new class plan, new hours and what changes need to be done.

It was brought to Shawn's attention that the ground fixtures that are connected to the vortex are also connected to the Water Play Feature in the zero depth area. Shawn would like to see these two separated which would allow for the vortex to be off periodically throughout the day. Shawn indicated that the electricity bill was considerably higher than expected.

A deck expansion beyond the west side fence is being researched by Shawn, as well as the additional slide, costing \$150,000.00 and or a splash pad. The advantage of the splash pad is it could be open even when the pool is closed. No staff would be required to oversee the pad, this way the moms & tots could use this feature instead of the pool.

The Waves have indicated that they have decided to stay in their original conference, so there will be no invitation to be concerned with. The daily revenue average at the pool was \$1600.00 this is low due to unforeseen weather that was experienced throughout the summer.

### Upcoming Events

Farmers Market has only three weeks left for the 2013 season. The Fall Wine Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th 11:00 am registration time. Sunday, September 29th is the Annual Family Kiting Flying day at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Saturday, October 19th is our Annual Fall Fest, this year it will be from noon until 7:00 pm. We still need volunteers.

Treat the Streets will be on Saturday, October 26th, new time noon – 3:00 pm.

The Christmas parade as always will be the Friday after Thanksgiving, line up starts at 5:00 pm and the parade will kick off at 6:30 pm.

Scott Pierce asked if we could put the events on the Outlook Program Calendar, Shawn will check with the Village Attorney Bob Long to see if this is possible.

**Program Supervisor Mary Quilty:**

Camp Crayon has started the BK PM program again. The Terrific 2's and 3's class has 14 kids registered. There are 7 children registered in the Monday/Wednesday class and 7 children registered in the Tuesday/Thursday class. These classes will run September through December, and start again in January through May. The meeting room at the Parks office has been transformed into a classroom for the Terrific 2's and 3's class.

The adult classes have yet to take off. The Dog and Owner free workout clinic had one person attend. At this point no one is registered for the Fido exercise class. Both Parenting classes have been cancelled. Mary expressed that the youth sports classes have all been taking place.

Mary told the board that Summer Day Camp fees have not been increased for several years, she is recommending that a 3% increase to the already low fee would only be \$3.00 per day, per child. Another recommendation would be to offer Early and Extended to everyone, whether they use it or not, this way we could charge \$29.00 a day. Or \$30.00 a day would get families swim lessons, camp and fieldtrips. Mary would like to see the camp instructors learn how to be swim instructors', this would help the pool staff out, and the campers that are in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade that have completed all their swim lessons could now be swim aids.

### **Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for the period ending August 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**

None was reported.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Member Will Martino moved, seconded by Member Cindy Bucci to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary