

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday November 20, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Acting Chairman Gina Wolf called the November 20, 2013 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:05 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: Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Will Martino, Cindy Bucci, and acting Chairman Gina Wolf. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Absent Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Chairman Jim Weber, Cedric Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Cindy Bucci to approve the October 23, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes 4 No 0 Absent:**, THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment Period: None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Since Jim is absent Shawn explained to the Park Board that what Jim wanted was to have the park clean up days, this would go hand in hand with the Adopt Antioch program. Jim would like to see a rotation once a month between the different organizations in the Village to help at different parks to help maintain them easier. The Parks Department would decide what parks need work and what organization will be responsible for the repairs and cleaning. The Park Board will be responsible for taking the organization to the park and get them started. Shawn asked the Board when they would like to start the Adopt Antioch, the Board agreed that it should start after Arbor Day in May. Ron would like to see designated park entrance signs made for each park project, advertising the park clean up date and time. Shawn asked Ron if the sign he was talking about is similar to the one that was used during the past Arbor Day events. Shawn would like to get the Boy Scouts to help. Shawn also told the Park Board that it's not only the Parks, but subdivisions that are included in the clean up program. Shawn told the Board that Mike Babitz needed to know when the Board plans on having the Adopt A Park program start so he can inform the Environmental Commission.

Shawn indicated that if a park board member saw an area that is extremely dirty that they should contact the Parks Office so community service is notified of areas that need extra attention. Normally the community service workers group is out cleaning areas of town which can be used to clean up these areas of special attention.

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

Bench Dedication Discussion

Cindy, Will, Ron, Gina, Cedric and Jim and Shawn met to discuss about where to put the benches. Jim Keim would like the Board to decide where and how many benches should go into the parks. Jim's concern was he did not want a flood of benches going into Centennial and no benches for any other park. Jim would like the Park Board Commissioners to make the decisions on all bench placements, and not the Village Board. Shawn requested the Board to look over the policy that was included in the board packet. Shawn did not agree with the first dedication policy, Shawn recommended taking out the "Only applications from next of kin or executor will be considered. Or applications for departed family member or friend, or to commemorated a special occasion. Cindy questioned the park next to JJ Blinkers, wasn't marked up, Shawn told her the Park Board members that they should each walk through the two parks on Main Street first before deciding if a bench should be allowed. The park between BJ's and the Barker Shoppe has a gazebo so a bench could be placed in the back end of the park; where as the park next to JJ Blinkers already has a bench near the front. Angela questioned number 5, 6, 7, the wording just needed to be cleaned up. Shawn asked the Board to send him any corrections that they may have. Shawn did say that the Board will need to come up with sizes of the plaques; they should all be same size. Angela questioned number 9 if there will be tree planting. Shawn told the board he would like to see the benches installed 2 or 3 times a year, after the ground thaws out and before the first freeze. Gina questioned should the Village advertise in more places then just the brochure, Shawn is planning on advertising in the program guide, newsletter and website.

Pool schedule

Next month or early January Shawn plans to meet with the Waves to work on a schedule, Shawn met with Tom Adamczyk, the Waves has 3 meet dates, 1 rain date and 1 picnic, pool party date. Tom and Shawn both agree that if the lap lanes are not used the first time frame in the 8:45 am for the Advanced and Intermediate classes in the first session, Tom believes that can be finished by 9:30 am. Shawn and Tom discussed the director labor cost; they both agreed that they don't need a manager, only 3 life guards at \$9.00 an hour = \$500.00 will cover the entire season. Any additional dates would be extra.

In the future the waves will be asking to possibly hold an invitational but that requires the closure of the pool for some period of time. Tom's suggestion was perhaps having the invitational only until 2:00 pm, the pool then could be open to the public, Shawn suggested only changing the public the twilight fee or having the pool open until 9:30 pm instead of 7:30 pm. Shawn will have a schedule to the Board next month.

Shawn would like to create a Parent Tot party time; they will come up new ideas. This way the tots will have the pool to themselves without the big kids.

Shawn commented that there were only a few complaints from residents about the preferred seating. It seems that the parents that entered the pool during the Parent Tot time, they were getting the prime seating and staying at these seats for the rest of the day. Shawn mentioned that people have asked if they are pass holders should they be able to get into the pool earlier, Shawn would like to make any decisions on changes before the Spring and Summer Brochure goes out. Shawn suggested possibly closing the diving board for a period

of time during the day, this would allow the kids more space to swim, Shawn explained why the lap lanes are closed around the diving board. Shawn would like to see a decision what should be done about the diving board. Angela asked if a portable ladder could be installed in the diving board lane, which would allow the opening of the other lanes for play and swimming.

Angela asked if the diving board could open later in the day, rather than at the beginning of the day. Gina liked the idea, but what if there are kids that can only come to the pool a certain time during the day, if the diving board is closed during this time, there could be problems.

Shawn is still playing with the idea of having 2 teen nights. We are looking to form a teen council to find out what the teens are interested in. Bernadette's daughter has friends that would be interested in being on the teen council; Angela asked if we should approach the schools to see if any of their students would be interested in joining the council. Cindy asked what age groups will be in the group; Shawn told her he would like to see two different age groups, 13-15 and 16-17 years old, at 18 you would no longer be on the council. Shawn would like to start this after the first of the year, perhaps meet once a month. The Park Board can be at the meeting to help steer them, but not run the meeting.

Shawn would consider going to job fairs or putting up a table in the lunch room and talk to the kids during their lunch break about being on our teen council and possible camp counselors.

Will questioned about the summer day camp kids going to the pool, Shawn said that they are looking at the 3 days 2 days, weeks. The reason the increase in the camp fees was so they can offer other activities to the campers. Will would like to see the campers use the pool during the off time and not during the heat of the day. To accommodate this Will thought maybe having the Parent Tot Swim earlier than putting the day camp in the pool from 11-12:30 or so each day. Everyone seems to like this suggestion. Shawn will present a new pool schedule at the next meeting.

New Events

Toni has suggested the community camping event and try to tie it into the boat regatta.

Shawn is playing with the idea of having a spring Masquerade Ball and working with JJ Blinkers to build this new event. Shawn is currently looking into where the Ball could be at. VFW, or St. Peters Gym, or Turtle Creek in Spring Grove.

Jim Keim would like to see a Summer Luau event at the pool, could be geared toward families or adults only. Perhaps it could be a combination of with the Lions club, and have a festival day.

Community Garage Sale Event, Shawn only has one concern that there would be too many homes for someone to try to get to in one day. Shawn mentioned the online Antioch garage sales; Angela was talking about the Bike Sale or sports equipment sale.

Angela questioned the Zombie run, Shawn told the board that District 34, was suppose to connect with him to talk about a 5 K run, and Shawn told them that this would be a Village Board level discussion. The Police, Fire would need to be involved in this. Angela would like to see a Zombie Run for the fall. Shawn would like to see it at a park instead of the street run. Chicago does a lot of pub crawls.

Upcoming Events

The Christmas parade and tree lighting will be on Friday, November 29th starting at 5:00 PM. We are in need of volunteers. The Antioch Choir will be singing and Shawn has approached The Antioch Fire Department to sponsor the first wagon barricade. This year will have only offered it to the Camp Crayon students first. Hopefully it will be in each parade.

The Polar Express starts on Wednesday, December 4th – 23rd. We were able to provide tickets for everyone that came the first day the tickets went on sale. Next year there will be a resident sale date first, and then it will be open to the public. We will be securing dates for next year.

Winter Wine Walk tickets go on sale December 3rd and Daddy Daughter Date Night tickets go on sale December 10th.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending October 23, 2013 were reviewed. The budget this year is going in the right direction. Shawn mentioned that the pool fees and com-ed credits are on the financial report. The Village has found ways to cut the budget.

Other Business

Angela mentioned that there is a black corvette that likes to do donuts at the water treatment plant in the grass. Shawn told the board he will call the Chief about it.

Gina's son wrote a paper on how great Williams Park is, but there is no play ground there, Shawn told her that he has spoken to Jim Keim about this and they both agree that they wanted to wait until the layout of the park has been decided. The pavilion may be moved; hopefully this will stop the problems that the skate park has caused. Gina mentioned the kid pool party idea was a great idea, Jerry Johnson's idea about the pool a palooza could be a great combination party.

Will questioned about the aeration in Mary's park, Shawn told the board it will be done in the spring. They should be conducting this work twice a year.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Angela Brooks moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary