

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday February 19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the February 19, 2014 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:08 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, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cindy Bucci, and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Absent Cedric Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Angela Brooks moved, seconded by Member Cindy Bucci to approve the January 22, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cindy Bucci. **No:** 0. **Absent:** Cedric Johnson THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber: Jim Weber ask Shawn, while the Park Board is working on the Saw Mill for the Arbor Day project, does he have plans to work in any of the other parks that same day? Shawn explained to the Board that he had spoken to a representative from the North East Council of the Boy Scouts about the upcoming projects. The Scouts are excited to work along side the Park Board to complete the Arbor project and any other park projects we have this summer. The Antioch Garden Club and Tom Dvorak have been asked to hold back on the design of the gardens, and not over do it this year. Shawn doesn't want the garden to get out of control next year and the following year.

Ron asked Shawn about Pederson Park and when it will be on the schedule to be worked on. Shawn explained that he has spoken with the organization leaders, AYLL and AYSO and Viking Football for their help in keeping the parks that they practice in and have games at clean, and arrange for one day a month to have the kids on the teams along with their families help weed and clean the park. NHS is also looking for another project, perhaps in the spring they will be able to assist picking up branches and weeding in many of the parks Shawn said.

Jim Weber would like to dig up the time capsule on Arbor Day or on the day of its 40 year anniversary. Shawn asked Jim, do we bury new items in the capsule and re-bury with the same stuff from before and add new item?

At the next meeting Shawn would like to go over the park assignments.

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

Mother Son Bowling Date Night is scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd, volunteers will be needed. This year we have 2 time squads for the mothers to choose from, 12:30 until 2:30 pm and 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Right now sales are pretty much even, 85 tickets have been sold for each squad. Gina expressed her concerns about the event being on Spring Break, and if we should move it back to the fall. Shawn told the Board that it was moved to the present date 3 years ago due to the Antioch Bowling Center and the problems they had with their roof after a major storm. Shawn ask the Board if we did change it, what date would they prefer? After a short debate, the last weekend of February or first weekend of March would be perfect.

Easter Idea, Toni brought to the board and idea for teens called the Flashlight Egg Hunt. It would be held the Thursday before Easter, at 8:00 pm. It was decided that the hunt should be at Centennial Park because there is so many places to hide eggs. The age should be 11-15 years old. Jim Weber thought that instead of filling the eggs with cash, we should fill the eggs with candy and pieces of paper with a number on it. When the kids are finished searching for eggs, they will meet under the pavilion where they will find out what they had won. Wristbands will be sold at \$5.00 a piece before the event and \$10.00 at the event. Only 100 participants will be allowed. Toni will be contacting local businesses to find sponsors for this event.

Camping under the Stars, Toni has been working on this project for 3 years now. With the help of the boy scout, and tying it in with the Boat Regatta, we are finally ready to launch this new event. The Boy Scouts have offered to look for tents for us to rent to families that don't own a tent, they will also be at the event to help assist anyone needing help setting them up. We will also have them teach the kids how to build a fire. Toni will be speaking to CJ Smith and Triangle Bait Shop to see if they have anyone that could come and teach fishing, and or give us discounts on fishing gear and licenses. Decisions need to be made to help figure out the parking lot problem and where everyone will park their cars once they unload their camping gear. Shawn suggested parking their cars at one of the municipal parking lots in town and then have someone drive them back to the park. Ron added, he hopes the parking lot will be started at least enough where we will have enough room for people to park their cars at the park.

Summer Staff Update, Mary has gone to several High Schools in the past two weeks. She went to Westosha Central High School, Antioch High School, Lakes High School. Mary said the kids are excited about the opportunities and they are taking all her information on the jobs available. Mary is working on getting into Grant High School and CLC next. Shawn told the Board that in past years we did not advertise the jobs, and we usually received 30 to 35 applications, Shawn is hoping to get at least 150 applications from all of Mary's hard work.

Upcoming Events, Shawn reviewed the events again; Mother Son Bowling, Summer Day Camp Registration, Easter Parade and Egg Hunt, Arbor Day, Art Crawl, Mother Daughter Tea and Summer Wine Walk tickets go on sale. From now on all registrations and ticket sales will

be in the evening hours. We are hoping this will eliminate angry parents and residents. Shawn asks the Board to email him which event they could help with.

Shawn told the Board that Meghan Opolka will more than likely be our 2014 General Manager at the Aqua Center this year. Shawn would like to hire someone local, a resident that will not be going off to college and would like to go through our Lifeguard class so they would be able to help Meghan with training the lifeguards and perhaps teach swim lessons. Their certification will be good for 3 years. Shawn thought a teacher would be a perfect candidate for this job. This person should be available in May for training and work through out the summer periodically running training classes and tests on staff.

Shawn told the board that this is Cindy Bucci's last night as a Commissioner. Her term is up and she has decided to resign. The Mayor will need to appoint a new Commissioner.

Program Supervisor Mary Quilty:

Mary was disappointed at Saturday's camp crayon registration. After Shawn told her in the past we had people lined up at 6:00 am, there were only a dozen people the entire day. Shawn told her since the priority registration started that took at least 40 people out of the registration process. The only class that did fill up so far is the 4 year old Monday/Wednesday/Friday AM class. Mary has spoken to several parents to find out what it is they really need. In her findings she has discovered that most couples work different shifts and one or the other can not be here at 3:00 pm to pick up their child from the afternoon class. Shawn floated the idea of having the extended childhood enrichment class go until 5:00 pm. Parents are finding that the Tuesday/Thursday class is not long enough so the extended enrichment class might help change their minds. The 3 year old classes are filling up at the scout house; the overflow class will be meeting at the parks building. Mary's goal is to have 30-3 year olds, and 40-4 year olds. We will wait until the end of the month to see if we need to add any more time to the 4 year old program.

Angela questioned Mary about the Champions and their proposal to use our scout house for their after school classes. Mary told the board that after consideration, Shawn and she have decided that it would be more profitable for the Parks Department to use it ourselves. Mary informed the Board that her scholastic book fair went very well, she collected over \$545.00 in sales, and the profits will purchase books and other learning material for the classrooms.

The Zumba class is also picking up; a former zumba instructor April Wright is back teaching. Shawn and Mary have decided to offer a free zumba class twice a month. The spring, fall and winter classes will be inside and the summer classes will be at the bandshell after the regular zumba class. Mary is talking with Christina about being our aqua zumba instructor this summer at the pool.

Financial Reports Shawn explained that the Special Events department is currently over budget, there is a \$7,000.00 discrepancy. Shawn believes there were mistakes on items placed in the wrong account. Shawn will be working on it to make all the right corrections by next month.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on March 19, 2014 - Jim Weber will not be able to attend this meeting; Gina Wolf will be acting Chairman.

Other Business

Angela suggested that we try having movie in the park again, Shawn told her that he and Mary have been working on this project, and that Mary has secured Raymond Chevy as a sponsor for the movie. The plan is to have three movies this summer. The dates are June 18th, July 26th and August 15th each date is a different day of the week so the best decision on future days to hold the events. There will be 2 kid's movies and 1 romantic movie night. Angela questioned if people will be able to bring their own alcohol and treats to this movie night. Shawn told the board that as long as they don't bring an entire bar, and be discreet about it, that it should not be a problem.

Gina questioned the signs about sledding again in the Woods of Antioch, Shawn told the board he had looked into signs that the HOA placed in the area believed to be a park property, but the property was not park property and in fact was owned by the HOA.

Gina also inquired about the Ice Rink and the hours. She was just concerned about the kids that want to play hockey. Shawn told the board that the hours they choose were chosen to fit everyone's schedule. Shawn would like to bring up the Rink rental situation in July, how the scheduling of the rink should be for next year, if we plan on charging teams, for practice time.

Gina's final item was an idea of an enhancement to change for the Thursday Night concerts, a different one every concert honoring people. A shouting out to people having anniversaries, birthdays or special items, Shawn liked the idea and also told everyone that he plans on having a tribute night this summer for the 50 anniversary of the Beatles and Rolling Stones. Shawn has planned Hot Rocks (Rolling Stones) and Kaleidoscope Eyes (Beatles Tribute). Shawn would also like to see an acoustic band before the concert starts.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Cindy Bucci moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary