

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Wednesday April 23, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the April 23, 2014 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:04 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, and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Absent Angela Brooks and Cedric Johnson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to approve the March 19, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 3: Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, and Will Martino. **No:** 0. **Absent:** Angela Brooks and Cedric Johnson THE MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Public Comment Period: None

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber:**

Park Assignments – Chairman Weber suggested the following commissioners be assigned to following parks:

Angela Brooks will have BJ's Park, JJ Blinkers Park, and Williams Park which includes the Skate Park, Aqua Center and Baseball diamonds. Ron Horton will have Jensen Park, North Park, and Osmond Brother Park. Gina Wolf will have Gages Brothers Park & Hiram Buttrick Park including the Scout House. Will Martino will have Mary's Park and Sprenger Park. Chairman Jim Weber will have Tim Osmond Sports Complex and Trevor Creek. Cedric Johnson was not assigned a park. The new commissioner will be assigned the William E. Brook Memorial Wetland and Bandshell.

Shawn requested that each of the commissioners visit their assigned park at least twice a month and report back to him any problems or repairs that need to be done. Shawn will have Public Works repair any problems found.

Ron Horton questioned Shawn if the tennis courts will be repaired. Shawn told the board that the tennis courts at Centennial Park will be repaired before Memorial Day. Pickle lines will also be included when painting the tennis lines.

Jim asked Shawn about the Parks repairs, Shawn told the board that only a few of the repairs have been completed. Every department capital has been washed. The capital repairs that will be completed will be the Centennial Park tennis courts and possibly Jensen Park. Shawn did ask Jim Keim if the parking lot at Pedersen Park will be started or the soccer fields be tended too. The wish list will not go forward this year due to budget cuts. No park replacement plan. The Village has started to put money away for future park replacement. Public Works will be doing things to prolong the life of our park life. Shawn would like to see Centennial Park stained at least every other year.

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

**Lifestyle Corridor Report:** Dustin Nilsen spoke to the Park Board about the Lifestyle Corridor Report, Greenbelt & Waterway Project that he has been working on along with the Chicago Metro Planning for the past 18 months. The Plan will in the future tie the Parks, Schools together by walking paths. Phase one involves the Village property on the east side. Other recommendations for the Village will include: Small projects at Antioch Upper Grade, a stop sign and pedestrian crossing, and adding a bike path on Route 83. Dustin explained to the Board that studies from other communities have shown that the same road width with an added Bike Path has increased the traffic flow with no problems. Heron Harbor has no easy route to Pedersen Park, the plan will find was to make it easier for residents. Dustin suggested to each Commissioner that they should read the Masterplan to get an idea of what is being planned over the next 20 years. Dustin also commented that when funding is limited, the Village will find projects that can be started on limited funds. Will questioned Dustin about the new law he had heard about pertaining to Pedestrian walks when new streets were completed. Dustin told the Board that the 173 project to Route 41 and Route 21 and Route 59 all which is Phase 1 will include trails & sidewalks. Dustin wants to capitalize on other projects and tie them all together. Dustin also suggested that the Park Board Commissioners should make it appoint to go to the upcoming meeting pertaining to the Lifestyle Corridor phase two. The public and HOA's have all been invited to these meetings.

**Movies in the Park:** Shawn explained to the Board that the movies have been chosen for the Movies in the Park, Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will be Frozen, Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> will be The Great Gatsby, and the last movie on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> will be Despicable Me 2.

**Antioch Clean up Day:** Shawn would like to see each of the Park Board Commissioner to speak with their HOA president and residents about the Antioch Clean up Days, Shawn hopes that the residents will join us to help keep their subdivision clean. The first Antioch Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Shawn reminded the Board that Saturday is Arbor Day and we will be at the Saw Mill cleaning and planting a tree that has been donated by the Antioch Woman's Club. Will asked about having small projects sponsored in the subdivisions. Shawn told the Board that he is currently working with the Environmental Commission to find ways to complete projects without using funds, if we can get enough people to help, the project will take shorter time to complete. Shawn would like to collect email address and phone numbers of all the volunteers that help at each Clean up Day. Shawn will also be meeting with other Civic Groups in town to get each of these groups more involved with the Village events.

**Park Survey Questions:** Shawn, Dustin and Jim Keim are currently working on the survey questions; they would like to tone down the questions a little more. Shawn asked each of the Park Board Commissioners to go through the survey and find items that they would change, keep and take out. This survey will be going in the June newsletter.

**Upcoming Events** – Shawn went over the upcoming events with the Park Board, Arbor Day is just days away, we are still in need of help. The Art Crawl will be the following weekend. Mother Daughter Tea is sold out. Swim Lessons registration starts on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for residents. The 885 Civic Club Annual Carnival starts on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Shawn has been speaking to the club about moving the carnival to the Fall to go along with the Firemen's Dance in September. The Pool is tentatively opening on Memorial Day weekend. The Summer Wine Walk will be on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. At this point only 20 tickets are left to sell. The Farmers Market is set to start on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. And the It's Thursday Concert Series will kick off on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Program Supervisor Mary Quilty:**

Camp Crayon and Summer Day Camp Update: Mary showed the Park Board Commissioners that compared to last year Camp Sunshine is up 18 kids from last year and the Antioch Adventurers are up 13 kids from last year. Camp Revenue is up \$31,563 from last year. The Bike Resale event went over well. A total of 34 bikes were dropped off on Friday night. On Saturday, 23 bikes were sold and 11 bikes were returned to their owners. The Parks Department collected \$96.00 in fees. Mary told the Board she would like to have a Ski & Skate sale in the Fall/Winter, for residents that are looking to sell their ice skates and snow skis. Camp Crayon Registration is going very well, a 4 year old Tuesday/Thursday class was added to the schedule and it already has 16 kids in it. Mary told the Board that Zumba has been picking up more each month, the month of March Zumba had 126 participants compared to January that had only 76 participants.

**Financial Reports**

Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2014 were reviewed. The budget this year is going in the right direction. Shawn reminded the Board that the numbers will not show all the events that we have collected for, the Fiscal Year starts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Shawn will be purchasing items for the pool in the upcoming weeks.

**Other Business**

Will informed Shawn that the past couple of years the large fishing pier in Sprenger Park has Crack Willows over growing the area. Will asked if the Stormwater Management should be contacted. Will also asked about the Berm in Sprenger Park, Shawn told Will he would look into it for him.

Shawn told the Park Board that he had met with the Painter for the Aqua Center. They will start bagging the walls in a few days. The window is only 5 days of 70 plus degrees, to do put the first coat of paint on the walls of the pool, on the next day they will be the second coat on and that will take 1-2 days to dry. After the pool has been painted, it will be a minimum of 7 days before they can fill the pool with water; Shawn is hoping to fill the pool by Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Shawn expressed that Meghan will need 2 weeks to train the new lifeguards.

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Will Martino to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:49 p.m.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary