

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday May 21, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf called the May 21, 2014 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:06 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 Cedric Johnson. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Absent Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Absent Angela Brooks and Chairman Jim Weber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Will Martino to approve the April 23, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 3: Ron Horton, Will Martino and Cedric Johnson. **No:** 0. **Absent:** Angela Brooks and Jim Weber **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment Period. None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

No report was made, Chairman Weber was absent.

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

Pool Update

As of Monday May 19, 2014 only one person was working on the pool. Shawn has sent an email to the contractor inquiring about the remaining items being completed. The timeline for competition is as follows: 1st mortar will be applied to area of the pool that needs smoothing over. 2nd the pool shell will need to be painted twice. The contractor will need a 5 day window to complete these steps. Shawn will be meeting with the contractor on Thursday, May 22, 2014 to assure that the pool will not experience the painting chipping again in the future. The goal is to work through the Memorial Day weekend. As long as it stays above temperature for 7 days, the pool should be delivered to us by June 2, 2014, at that point it will take 2 days to fill, have an inspection, train our employees and open by Saturday, June 7, 2014.

If the work is not complete Shawn told the Board that the Village will go after the bond for everything that will be lost. After Thursdays meeting Shawn will send an email out to all the Board members informing them the outcome of his meeting.

Movies in the Park Update

There was a mishap on the Movies in the park dates. Unfortunately the screen was booked for the first date planned, but the date was changed. The company supplying the screen was not informed of the date change, and leased the screen for the date we needed to someone else. There will be no Saturday date for Movie in the Park. The Board agreed to Superman, Man of Steel, which will be shown on Wednesday, July 23. Mary has reserved the Queen and Princess from Frozen to appear before the movie Frozen that is set to play on Wednesday, June 18th.

Pride in Antioch Day formerly Adopt Antioch Day

The Pride in Antioch Day will be the 4th Saturday of each month starting with May 24th until September. Volunteers will meet at the Parks building at 8:30 am. This will be a good time for us to get their information, name, email address, phone number. We will hand out gloves, bags and park information at this time and send them to the designated parks that Shawn has planned on cleaning this month. Shawn reminded each Board member that belongs to a HOA to remind them that we will be cleaning parks each month and ask for their help. Shawn would really like to see each HOA have their own Facebook page, this way they could help advertise the clean up days to their residents. Shawn would like to advertise on the property of the entrances for the subdivision. Perhaps build some type of monument sign that will have replacement slots to put upcoming events in. Shawn is currently looking into have a large three sided sign built on the corner of Orchard and Main Street. Shawn having asked the Board to think of ways we could raise funds to build these signs.

Parks Survey Update

The Parks Survey is just about complete; Shawn is working on getting it down to 3 pages. The plan is to have it ready for the Fall & Winter Brochure that will go out in August.

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market will start on Thursday, June 5th. Saturday, June 7th is our Summer Wine Walk. Volunteers are needed to sign people in. The pool is tentatively set to open Saturday, June 7th at noon. Its Thursday Concerts will begin on June 12th. The first band will be the Lakes Area Community Band and Choir. Wednesday, June 18th we will be showing the movie Frozen at the Bandshell. The Miss Antioch Pageant is set for Saturday, June 14th at the Antioch High School. And on Saturday June 29th is the Antioch Fire Departments Pancake Breakfast.

Program Supervisor Mary Quilty:

Camp Crayon and Summer Day Camp Update.

Numbers have gone up since registration began in February for Camp Crayon.

The classes are filling up. A Tuesday/ Thursday 4 year old class has been added due to the demand. Graduation for BK was a big success; Mayor Hanson and Shawn Roby were able to attend the ceremony. Mary told the Board she will invite the entire Board next year. A survey was given to all the parents asking their opinion on Camp Crayon, Mary told the Board that they received 5's across the board, Camp Crayon has great teachers.

Summer Day Camp numbers are up; last year Camp Sunshine had 35 kids, this year they have 59 kids and it's still growing. The Antioch Adventures went from 105 kids in 2013, to 131 kids in 2014, and that number is still growing.

Shawn and Mary have decided that next year the Summer Day Camp kids will have their swim lessons during the 10:15 lessons, this way they will not have to leave the pool, they will be able to stay and just swim until 12:30pm.

Shawn would like to see some research done on how other camps require swim lessons from their campers; he would like to see the first 5 minutes of play time be designated to learning a new skill each day.

Mary has added a Monday class to Zumba, starting on June 2nd. The first free outdoor Zumba class will be on Wednesday June 18th at the Bandshell.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2014 were reviewed. The budget this year is going in the right direction. The Village has found ways to cut the budget.

Other Business

Shawn is looking to put some type of lighting in the parks, to help the police make sure the parks are safe. Shawn has purchased Pet Stations to be installed at the Bandshell and Sawmill.

Ron Horton wanted a follow up on the Saw Mill. He wanted to know if Public Works will finish mulching the park and weeding the park. Shawn told Ron that he will have community service kids doing the work throughout the summer. Ron would also like to see replanting at the Bandshell. There is a Dinosaur at Jensen Park that needs to be removed or replaced, it is unsafe, and the Tennis courts are still in need of repair.

Gina inquired about the Winter Sale that Mary spoke about at the last meeting, the Ski and Skate. She would like to see other items sold such as basketball, hockey, baseball equipment and clothing sold at the same time. Gina also asked about the lighting detectors at Williams Park, she told Shawn she was at the park when it began lighting and the detectors never went off. Shawn told the Board that the system was just checked, a new detector was installed at the Village Hall.

Will inquired about the Strenger Park turf. Shawn met with the Lawn Doctor and they will weed and feed the front of the park and around the diamond. The swing set will have to go on the hill. Will also told Shawn about the leaves and debris on and around the fence at the park, he would like to see it removed. Will also asked Shawn if the proposal for the fence at Mary's Park is still good. Shawn plans on getting together with Jim Keim, and Dennis from Public Works to discuss where they are at with the fence.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary