

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday June 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the June 18, 2014 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:35 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, Absent Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Angela Brooks arrived at 6:57 pm and Cedric Johnson arrived at 7:14 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to approve the May 21, 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

Bill Peters of 606 Gary Drive Antioch, approached the Park Board with concerns about the Centennial Park tennis court/basketball court situation. The residents in the surrounding area around Centennial Park, have been disturbed by the insensitive behavior of the young adults that have been hanging out at the newly created basketball court that was installed in the tennis courts. Mr. Peters explained that even though Antioch has a 10:00 pm curfew, the teenagers have not respected the surrounding homes that border the tennis courts. The bad language, consistent yelling disturbs everyone in the neighborhood. The solution the neighbors have come up with is to move the basketball court to the other side of the park, near the Anita Terrace apartments.

Andy Hazel of 607 Gary Drive, Antioch expressed that the parking lot near the apartments would make a better area for the basketball court. Shawn explained to the neighbors that even though it would fix one problem, it would create more. The parking lot is used by many people that attend sporting events at the park, and if he put the basketball court in the parking lot, then residents would have to park on the street where it clearly is marked "No Parking". Shawn asked the residents to please call the police each time there is a disturbance, this way Shawn can take the complaints he receives from the police department and go to the Village Board meeting with proof that there is a real concern and problem that needs to be fixed.

Jim Mihovilovich of Antioch approached the Park Board with an idea to have a 3K Zombie Run in late September. Jim would like to bring attention to his haunted house that is located at 882 Anita Drive. After the run there would be an after party held at the haunted house. The run would start on Anita & McMillen Road, go through the high schools tennis court area, through

Tim Osmond Sports Complex continue through the alley way by We B Waxing, back to the haunted house. The registrations sign in would start at 5:00 pm, the run would start at 6:00 pm and finish at 7:30 pm. The party would begin roughly around 8:00 pm and go until 10:00 pm. Jim explained that there are two ways to participate in the run; you can either be a runner or a zombie that will go after the runner's flag that is tied to their waist. Angela Brooks asked about parking. Details are still being worked out on parking Shawn told the Board. Ron Horton inquired the number of people that would attend this type of event. Jim explained that he had heard of other events like this one have had up to 3000 people attend. Shawn said that Jim is looking into having the Lions Club pull alcohol permits for this event. Shawn asked the Board what they thought, everyone liked the idea. There will be a lot of hoops to jump through to get this event going. Shawn and Jim will take this to Jim Keim to see where it can go.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Unofficially Jim welcomed Jen Blake Dosch as the newest Park Board member, taking Cindy Bucci's place. Jen will be sworn in at the July Village Board meeting. Jen was with the Countryside Dispatch for 9 years. She is currently attending nursing school. Jen has been married to Greg Dosch for over 6 years. Together Jen and Greg are with the Make A Wish Foundation and are responsible for 12 Make A Wish Wishes in the past 3 years. Jen and Greg have 2 children Tyler and Hailey. Shawn explained that there were 3 candidates that were interviewed. The first one was a young lady that had just been hired as a Summer Day Camp counselor. She decided that she would rather be a counselor than sit on the board. The second was a Military Vet. And the 3rd was Jen. The mayor told Shawn he would like to see an Alternate Board member in case one of the Board Members can't make a meeting, and then the Alternate would take their place and vote on issues. Jim reminded the Board that Saturday, June 21st is AYLL's 60th anniversary. The organization will be having an anniversary party at Williams Park Pavilion Saturday starting at noon.

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

Pool Update: The pool has been open since Saturday, June 7th. At this point Shawn reported that everything is running properly with only a few minor items that need attended to. The slide has been waxed and is now the fastest slide in Lake County. New staff is being trained by our General Manager Meghan; training will take place over the 4th of July weekend. The pool staff has noticed the lightening detector that is at the Aqua Center has not been working properly. Shawn has the Public Works looking into the problem. The Aqua Center can now accept credit cards and checks. Shawn told the Board that the pool is about \$4000.00 behind in pool pass sales compared to last year. Shawn believes that last year more people were buying pool passes with their Save Win and Swim card which saved the residents an additional \$15.00 on each pass.

Pride in Antioch Day: Next clean up day will be on June 28th. Anyone interested in helping, we will be meeting at the Parks building at 8:30 am. We will decide what park and or what areas of Antioch need tending too. Shawn is looking into getting community service hours doubled for those that are willing to help and need community service hours.

Upcoming Events: Shawn told the Board there are 12 events coming up in the next 6 weeks. AYLL's 60th anniversary, Fireman's Pancake breakfast, 4th of July, the reschedule of the Movie in the Park "Frozen" Camping under the stars, The Family Boat Regatta, Taste of Antioch,

Lions BBQ and three It's Thursday Concerts. Shawn reminded the Board that he needed volunteers for each of these events. Jim Weber questioned Shawn about the banners for the Bandshell with all the event information. Shawn is looking into getting banners that would be installed next to each of the speakers that are on stage. One banner would have all the upcoming bands that would be playing on Thursday's, and the other the year's upcoming events that will be taking place in town.

Program Supervisor Mary Quilty:

Camp Crayon and Summer Day Camp Update: Summer Day Camp is continuing to take registrations for camp. The camp is going well; everyone seems to like the new format. The first outdoor Zumba class had to be cancelled due to rain and will not be rescheduled. Camp Crayon registration is still going well: as of June 12th Camp Crayon is up to 83 kids. Zumba is now offered on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending May 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

Angela questioned whatever happened to each of the Board Members getting sponsorships and finding ways organizations in town could help sponsor parks. Shawn told the Board that he is still looking for ways to get sponsors.

Angela also asked what is going on with the Antioch theatre. Shawn explained that the previous owner lost the business; the new owner needs to renovate the building, and get insurance in order to reopen for business. The new owner has secured sponsors for the big portion of the renovation which is around \$800,000.00, but in order to get these funds, he must raise \$65,000 in 45 days; they call this a KickStart Program. The Village of Antioch will contribute but in return will have a \$1.00 tax added to each ticket sale. The building next to the theatre will be included in the renovations. It will become a smaller 29 seat theatre. The balcony will be restored to the original form, but the rest of the theatre will be updated to today's conveniences. Plans will include state of the art digital film equipment.

Gina questioned when the Fireman's dance will be this year. Shawn told her Saturday, September 13, 2014. Gina also asked about the signage for the subdivisions. Shawn is currently talking to Dustin about building a monument type sign that would be installed in each subdivision entrance. Shawn would like to be able to post only upcoming events in this sign area.

Will inquired about the swing set for Sprenger Park. Shawn told the Board the swing set was ordered, and will be here any day. The baggo set has been moved to on top of the hill, the swing set will be placed where the baggo set use to be. Shawn also told Will that the fence in Sprenger Park has been cleaned.

Cedric Johnson told Shawn that he needs new signs for Trevor Creek, No Smoking and Park Rules.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Angela Brooks moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary