

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday July 22, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the July 22, 2014 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:33 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, Jen Dosch 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. Cedric Johnson arrived at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Will Martino to approve the June 18, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cedric Johnson and Jen Dosch. **No:** 0. **Absent:** Angela Brooks THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Centennial Park Basketball Hoop Discussion

Arlene Peters and her neighbor Eileen stopped by Shawn's office 2 weeks earlier with a video from Centennial Parks tennis court/basketball court. Proof that the kids that are hanging out at the basketball court, and they are causing a ruckus. The residents that living on the border of the tennis courts have been complaining about these kids for several months now and they would like the basketball net taken down and moved to the other side of the park. Perhaps in the parking lot that is closest to the Anita Terrace apartments. Shawn has requested the residents call the police as soon as there is a problem. Shawn explained without any record of the problem, he will not have anything to take to the Village Board to prove the basketball courts are causing more harm than good. Arlene explained that they have called the police twice already and nothing has been done. On July 9th the police were called to go to the park, the resident's claim the police never came. One resident claimed that the kids are ravaging their engines, he asked the boy to stop ravaging their engines and they did with no problems after that. Shawn suggested a No Parking sign be put up in their neighborhood, but this would also stop residents from parking on their own street. Another option Shawn suggested, the residents should start a petition, have all the residents in the neighborhood to sign it so he will have something to bring to the Village Board. Shawn told the residents that on July 15th the nets were removed temporality. The Public Works Department has been repairing the tennis courts. At this point the nets have not been reinstalled.

Will agreed with the residents but also commented that the kids need a place to go, a place to play. Whether it is tennis or basketball it would be an amenity that the Village would be taking

away from the park. Will agreed that the basketball court needs its own location away from the residents. Arlene asked if it is possible for the police to patrol the park more often. Ron suggested the Centennial Park tennis courts be left as tennis courts and the Jensen Park be used as Basketball courts as they have been for a while now. Jensen Park has plenty of trees and bushes on the border of the park which keep the noise level down. Shawn told the residents he would like to sit down with the Police Chief and the residents and come up with a solution that everyone will be happy with. Chairman Weber requested a vote from the Park Board.

To relocate the basketball hoop to another area of Centennial Park to a site within the park that is far enough from residents, and will not cause concern. If there is no an appropriate site within the park, other locations outside Centennial Park will be considered.

. Upon voice vote: 6 – yes to relocate the hoops

Cedric wanted everyone to know about the neighborhood Watch program that Antioch has. He expressed to them that they should all be attending the meetings that meet on the 4th Thursday of each month. And they should all plan on attending the National Night Out on August 5th. Gina Wolf would like to see a study of where to put the court before moving the courts anywhere.

Neighbors in attendance at this meeting were: Paul Poirier, Arlene Peters, Kurt Messner, Bob & Sandie Littner, and Gary Stewart.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim Weber officially welcomed Jen Dosch to the Park Board Commission and wished her well. Jim also noted that on our website still shows a picture of the old pool. Jim requested new pictures of the new pool be posted. Shawn explained that Dustin is currently working on updating the site. Jim also told everyone that the Antioch Theatre has reached their goal. Channel 7 flew a helicopter over the community earlier today to cover the story.

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

Pool Update: Everything is running smoothly. There is still some work that needs to be done. Shawn asked the Board their opinion on if he should reduce the price of the pool pass to 50% or any other %. Shawn asked the board to email him with their thoughts. Shawn also spoke about selling 2015 season pool passes early. If someone were to purchase a pool pass this year in August the price could be \$90.00 this would be for the remainder of 2014 season and the 2015 season. Shawn would like everyone to look into other communities and seeing how they sell their passes, and to bring this information to the August Board meeting.

Park Rental and Pricing Discussion

Shawn expressed his concerns on how pavilions are being rented. He would like to change how we currently rent them. Perhaps change the fees, so when a person rents the two pavilions that have electric and water, they would pay more than the people renting Pedersen or Tim Osmond that have no electric or water. Shawn would like to be able to charge for the amenities of the park.

Pride in Antioch Day formerly Adopt Antioch Day: this month clean up will be at Centennial Park. Volunteers will meet at the Parks office starting at 8:30 am and will be given bags and garbage pickers and will meet at the Park.

2014 Event Updates (Mother Son & Mother Daughter)

Shawn explained to the Board that we are currently looking into new types of events for our Mother Son event and our Mother Daughter event. The Antioch Bowl is currently closed so we will need to create a new event for moms and their sons. And Infinite Tea restaurant is closing their doors in August so we need to either find a new location for lunch or create a whole new event.

Upcoming Events:

Shawn would like to create a new class for residents to attend and create new ornaments for our Village Christmas tree. He would like the class to start in the later October and November. Shawn asked the board if this type of class should be free or should we charge. If we charge we will need to provide the wood and paint. What should we charge? Where would the class be? Something else Shawn thought would be fun, have a contest for the best ornament. The prize could be to go up in the bucket to put the ornament on the Christmas Tree or be the person that plugs the tree in.

Rock Rumble is on Friday, August 8th starting at 6:00 pm currently there are 7 bands scheduled to play. August 14th will be the last "It's Thursday Concert" for the 2014 Season. August 16th is our 1st Father Son Day out which has been changed to Family Day Out at the Action Territory. The name has been changed due to low enrollment. Tickets are only \$20.00 per person for unlimited rides, games, and lunch. This event is now open to everyone.

The Chamber of Commerce will be in charge of the Fall Fest this year. Along with their Art and Craft show, the chamber will also be having their Beer and BBQ walk. The Lions Club will have their Chicken BBQ on Sunday July 27th at the Williams Park pavilion. New this year, they will have a band and bouncy houses for the kids.

Shawn spoke to the Board about next years 4th of July Float winner Pack 191. Shawn will request next year that the Board and or their family members be the judges. Shawn also would like to see a committee formed requiring all the 4th of July activities.

Program Supervisor Mary Quilty:

Summer Day camp is going well. So far the best field trip has been to the Libertyville Sports Complex. Harris Kal was hired to entertain the campers at the Parks building.

Since the campers now go to the pool at 11:00 am until 12:30 -12:45 pm we have had no complaints about our campers at the pool. The campers now eat their lunches at the Williams Park Pavilion at 1:00 pm. On Fridays the campers have their choice to be included in cookout. The campers are able to purchase hotdogs and hamburgers for \$3.00 on Fridays, and \$3.00 on Pizza Day.

Mary told the Board that Carol Richter is now stepping down from being a Lead Teacher. Starting this fall she will be a teacher's aid. The person that will replace Carol will need to have a degree in early childhood. Be able to work Monday through Friday.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2014 were reviewed. The budget this year is going in the right direction. The Village has found ways to cut the budget.

Other Business

Gina Wolf requested that the picnic tables at the Saw Mill be painted. Shawn told her that the Community Service people that come in have been painting tables in different parks already, and he will make sure that the Saw Mill be next.

Will Martino, wanted to point out that he appreciates the great job the Parks Department is doing, and the Public Works department for their excellent job in cutting the grass in his subdivision. Will asked Shawn about the swing set for Sprenger Park. Shawn told him the swing set is here and its just need to be installed. Will also told Shawn about the bad net in the basketball court that needs to be replaced at Sprenger Park. HR Green told Will that the new walking path would never break out, but it has. Will would like to see something done about this. Jim Weber thanked everyone for coming out to the parade, he did have one complaint from Wings, they were at the end of the parade, most of their walkers had to leave early to get to work so they weren't able to walk in the parade. Jim would like to see more floats and less business in the parade that don't decorate their vehicles. Jim agrees that all businesses should be charged to be in the parade and their should be a theme for each year.

Shawn told the Board that he plans on bringing back the wagon barricade next year. Facebook only had one complaint this year, lack of good candy and the lack of floats in the parade. Shawn will be trying to get more bands in the parade. Shawn will be offer next year the band that plays in the parade the chance to perform at the pavilion for the afternoon. Next year Shawn is looking into getting snow fence for downtown area for the parade and possibly having our photographer in the fire truck bucket to take pictures of down town.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary