

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday August 20, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the August 20, 2014 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:02 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, Will Martino, Cedric Johnson, Jen Dosch and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Special Event Coordinator Shawn Roby, Program Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Angela Brooks and Gina Wolf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Centennial Park Basketball Hoop Discussion

Arlene Peters and Eileen Hazel from Gary's Drive in Antioch were present for the discussion regarding the Centennial Park basketball hoop. Shawn explained to the ladies that only two complaints have been filed with the police department in regards to the basketball court. Shawn also told the board that the Village Board voted to keep the basketball hoops in Centennial Park. The board's opinion was removing a park amenity at this point which is certainly being used by those intended would be wrong because, while pushing them out of the places around town where they shouldn't be playing we would be sending the message that they are not supposed to play in this location as well.

Since only two complaints exist related to the basketball hoop the board felt that removing it is a little premature. Shawn did tell everyone that he has plans on putting up a sign underneath the hoop that states no foul language, or horseplay will be tolerated. Before Shawn puts the sign up he will be delivering a letter to each resident adjacent to the park explaining to the residents what their responsibility will be when the kids get out of control while playing basketball. Shawn reminded everyone that they should be calling the police if they feel the kids are either out of control or they see the kids do things they are not suppose. Shawn indicated that if the residents feel as though their voice is not being heard that they are more then welcome to come to the next village board meeting in September to discuss this with the elected officials. They need to start calling the police when things are out of control. Arlene did comment that she did notice that the police have been in the park more, she have even seen them get out of the cars and go under the pavilion to talk to the people sitting there.

Shawn told the Board that he has had the Public Work Department paint lines in the tennis for Pickle ball. Shawn has been working on this game for several years now. He plans on putting additional Pickle ball courts in at Jensen Park and Sprenger Park in the future

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Chairmen Weber asked Shawn about the survey that was just completed this summer and if any dog parks were requested. Jim had questions regarding the Beach Grove Road Corner lot, could this parcel could ever be turned into a dog park. Shawn reminded the Board that Linda Pedersen has no plans at this point to turn Beach Grove Road property into a dog park.

Jim asked Shawn about the 4th of July notes that everyone was supposed to get Shawn. Jim would like to combine everyone's notes. Jim also asked the Park Board if they were doing their park walk through. Jim wanted to know what Park Board Member had what Park.

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

Pool Update: Everything has run smoothly this summer. There is still some minor work that needs to be done before the Village signs off on the pool with the contractor. Shawn told the Board that the Parks Department will be selling 2015 season pool passes starting in November. In hopes that residents will purchase passes for Christmas gifts. Shawn mentioned that Meghan the General Manager of the Aqua Center has done a fantastic job this year at the pool. The revenue as of July was \$111,000 expenses were \$82,000. Meghan made sure that if the staff wasn't needed she would send them home. She was very cognoscente of the cost of running facility and did a good job at mitigating that cost. Shawn thinks they will be close to breaking even when all things are done.

2014 Event Updates (Mother Son & Mother Daughter)

Since the Bowling center in town is closed and Infini Tea Restaurant closed, the Parks & Recreation need to find new venues for our Mother Son and Mother Daughter events. We went to the public for their opinion. Shawn sent an email out to everyone that attended last year's events, asking what would they like to do for the Mother Son, and or Mother Daughter Date Nights. Option 1; Go to Raymond's bowl in Johnsburg and do the same as we always have for the Mother Son bowling. Option 2: Lunch and a Magic Show, or Option 3: Lunch and a Movie at the new theatre. We also posted on Facebook the same question. The response was very close. The Lunch and Magic show at the senior center was ultimately the winner but all the results were extremely close. For the ladies we decided to have a mother daughter luncheon bingo, it will also be hosted at the Senior Center. But instead of money for bingo's we will be giving out prizes that mothers and daughters can do together like, massages, nails, hair appointments, classes, etc.

Upcoming Events:

The Chamber of Commerce has taken over the Fall Fest, which they have planned it for September 6th & 7th along with their Arts & Craft Faire and Beer & BBQ walk.

The Antioch Fire Department will be having their Fireman's Dance on September 13th.

Our Fall Wine Walk will be on Saturday, September 27th and the Kite Flying Day is set for Sunday, September 28th.

The last Farmers Market day will be on Thursday, October 9th. Treat the Streets is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending July 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 explained to the Park Board the survey that will be included in the Fall/Winter Brochure, which will be printed and delivered next week. The survey will go live online by the end of the month. The Village is hoping to get at least a 10% return on this survey. The Survey will focus on the usage of the Village Parks. The Village will close this survey completed by October 15, 2014. The last survey that was completed was focusing on the Vision of Antioch. Parks & Recreation was the resident's number one priority.

Angela Brooks would like to have a Murder Mystery Dinner or Cruise to Blarney Island planned for adults. Shawn told the Board that the Chamber has already planned a Murder Mystery Dinner that will be coming up soon. Shawn would like to arrange to have bus trips to the Brewers games. Jen Dosch told the Board she could probably find a pontoon boat for a team building afternoon cruise.

Ron Horton asked Shawn if it was possible to have an employee night out at the pool. Shawn told Ron that it would only be possible if it were on the Friday night before the pool closes. Shawn believes that the Village would give us a hard time if we didn't open the pool to them. Ron also asked if it is possible for the Park Board to have special shirts made for them to wear at the special events held in town.

Will Martino informed the board that at the next meeting he will have the rest of the donation from his subdivision. The total amount of their donation will equal \$24,000. Shawn informed Will that Sprenger Park will have Weed & Feed next week, and the swing set will be installed by then.

Jen Dosch asked Shawn if the Village would ever consider having a glow in the dark egg hunt for Halloween. Shawn explained that the cost would be high, but he would look into it. Jen also asked if the Village has ever had a costume contest. Again Shawn would consider it.

Shawn told the Board that this year's Zombie Walk has falling through the cracks. Jim the creator of the Zombie Walk and Haunted House has not done anything with the Village to get this event started. So Shawn will be talking to him come January to start planning it for next year.

Will inquired about which Park Commissioner had which park. The following Parks have been assigned to the following Commissioners:

Angela Brooks: - Williams Park, BJ's Park, JJ Blinkers Park

Jen Dosch: - Tim Osmond Sports Complex, Wetlands

Ron Horton: - Jenson Park, North Ave Park

Cedric Johnson: - Trevor Creek Park, Osmond Brothers Park

Will Martino: - Mary's Park, Sprenger Park

Jim Weber: - Pedersen Park,

Gina Wolf: - Saw Mill/Scout House, Centennial Park

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Member Will Martino moved, seconded by Member Angela Brooks to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary