

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the April 22, 2015 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 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, Cedric Johnson, Jen Dosch and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Trustee Jerry Johnson, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Angela Brooks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to approve the March 18, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cedric Johnson, and Jen Dosch **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Haufe, President of the Viking Football League approached the board with reasons why the Viking Football league is against starting flag football for the 3rd and 4th graders in the fall. Mark explained that they already had flag football in the spring for the kids, and tackle football is for the fall. Marks concern is the number of kids that are presently in the tackle program would go down if they went to a flag football league in the fall. Mark also explained that in order to be a Big 10 team they needed 28 kids out of the 40-50 kids that enter this league. Mark understands the concerns of the parents; he stated that things are changing on how they teach the techniques to the kids.

Will did ask Mark if he is aware that if this other league does form, that Viking Football would be sharing the fields with this new league. Mark told the board that the Viking Football league understands this. Mark told the board that out of the 5 other communities that are in the Big 10 League, none of them are interested in starting a flag football league in the fall. Shawn explained to Mark that the Village will not be taking sides but ensuring that all angles have been covered because a third party has approached the village with becoming involved in this league under the umbrella of the village.

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

4th of July Ideas Discussion

Shawn spoke about the upcoming 4th of July celebration, and asked the Board about the changes that they spoke about in previous meetings. Shawn explained that if a business wanted to be in the parade there is a \$30.00 fee that must be paid, if they have a float then it would be free. But in the past, some businesses have tried to get away with not paying the

fee, by submitting an application stating that they were having a float, but when it came to parade time their float was just their vehicle with some streamers on it. Shawn has suggested that everyone pay up front. After the parade, if the business truly does have a float then their \$30.00 application fee would be returned to them.

The judges of the floats will determine if a float is truly a float or not. All floats will be required to be in the Theme of the parade to be considered in the judging of the floats. Gina suggested that we put together a list of what is considered to be a float and what is not. Voting of the floats has not been decided yet. Half the board would like to see the voting of the floats done before the parade starts. This way the winner will be able to show off their trophy and or banner that they are the winner. The other half of the board wants to have the judges near the Vault restaurant voting. The winner would be presented at Williams Park. Their float would remain at the Park for the day for all to see. It was brought up that we should get the seniors in the Village to vote for the floats.

All Board members agreed to go back to the discounted rate at the pool on the 4th, but instead of a quarter it should be \$1.00 per person.

Jen had proposed that only the Antioch Queens, Lake County Queens and State Title holders be allowed to be in the Antioch 4th of July parade.

Budget Update:

Since the referendum passed in both the Village and the Township, the budget for the parks will not be as dramatically affected at this point. Shawn has gone forth with the planning of the concerts and other events planned for the summer. There are still concerns about what will happen if Governor Rauner planned income tax cuts are put into play but at this time they are simply ideas. Shawn indicated that these decision among others will be known over the next few months and we will be able to clear up the budget picture from there. At this time we have been budgeting conservatively which means we plan for as many expenses as we can and plan revenue to be cut.

Facility Usage Fee Discussion / Facility Rental Fees/Agreement

Shawn has expressed to the Board the importance of coming up with a fee structure for the facility and park rental fees. With the possibilities of a new flag football league possibly starting in Antioch. Shawn feels he should be prepared. Shawn requested from the Board to bring more ideas to the next meeting. Shawn included in the package several other communities and their fees for the Board members to review.

Shawn reminded the Board about the Senior Center and renting it to replace the money they are losing each month back to the Dolly Spiering Fund. During this discussion the board felt that the idea of \$25.00 per hour might be a little to cheap especially if we consider the idea of having someone coming in to let the groups in and make sure they clean up.

Family Photo Day Discussion

Shawn, Jen and Gina have been discussing a possible Family Photo Day. This idea would provide families of Antioch the chance to have a family photo taken by a professional photographer. Pictures could be taken at the Saw Mill initially but other locations could be discussed.

Shawn told the Board since Gina is a Park Board member, he wasn't sure how the trustees would feel about having Gina take the pictures and making money so instead of causing any problems, we will need to go out to bid to all the local photographers. The lower bid, but at the same time considering their photography style will be chosen to be as the Family Photographer for this project.

As soon as all the details are completed, dates decided, location chosen, and time we will start advertising in the Newsletter, Websites and on Facebook to get the Antioch Residents to start registering for this event.

Upcoming Events

Summer Wine Walk tickets go on sale Thursday, April 23rd. We have 23 locations this time. The Summer Wine Walk will be on Saturday, June 6th this year starting at the Band Shell.

The new Mother Daughter Bingo Luncheon will be on Sunday, April 26th at the Senior Center. All three seating's have been sold out.

The pool will tentatively open on Memorial Day weekend. It will only be open for the weekend through June 6th when it will remain open until August 16th then it will only be open for weekends through Labor Day.

Farmers Market will be starting Thursday, June 4th at 3:00 pm. The following week the It's Thursdays Concerts will begin until August 13th.

The first Movie in the Park will take place on Friday, June 19th. The movie will be "Big Hero 6"

The Miss Antioch Pageant will be on the following afternoon June 20th at the Antioch High School.

Program Supervisor Report

Mary spoke to the Board about Camp Crayon, next year's classes are starting to fill. The 2.6 classes are slow, but will fill up before September.

Zumba classes are on a steady incline, but we will be losing our instructor April. She will be leaving us in June so we will be looking for a new instructor.

Summer Day Camp registration has started; we currently have 11 Kiddie Kamp kids, 42 Camp Sunshine kids and 88 Antioch Adventure kids.

The Bike Resale was a success. Parks Department made \$387.35 profit, which included the bikes from the Police department.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2015 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the budget.

Next Meeting: Set for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Other Business

Shawn spoke to the Board regarding his Park Replacement plan that he has been working on. Shawn showed the Board the plan and how the Village should start putting money away for the replacement of the aging parks in the future. This way the Village will not have to approach the residents for additional money to replace the parks. Shawn will include his plan in the Master Capital Plan that the Village of Antioch has.

Shawn also told the Board that the Boys Scouts have adopted the Saw Mill, Williams Park and North Ave Park. The Boy Scouts will be maintaining these parks through the summer. Ron ask Shawn if there is a way to separate the funds that are raised for the parks from the General Fund. To assure that the money will always be there for the parks only. Shawn told the Board that he believes that there will be a separate fund, but he will check with Finance about it.

Will inquired about the swing a Sprenger Park, Shawn told him that Dennis from Public Works was just out to the park and was measuring the area the swing set will be placed. Will also asked about the proposal for the crack willows. Shawn told him that the Village will more than likely to the work themselves.

Jen told the Board she is looking for tabulators for the Miss Antioch Pageant. So far she has Gina and Shawn but she would like at least one more. Jen will also need help at the check in desk.

Jim told Shawn that the Osmond Brothers Park path is still under water. Jim ask Shawn to look into finding a solution to the flooding problem.

Gina asked if we could start doing the Park walk through again. Shawn suggested meeting at Centennial park at 6:30 pm to do the year's first Park walk through.

There being no further discussion, Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Jen Dosch to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary