

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the August 19, 2015 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:16 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 & Recreation Director Shawn Roby; Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent were; Angela Brooks, and the Program Supervisor Mary Quilty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Cedric Johnson moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to approve the July 22, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, and Cedric Johnson, and Jen Dosch **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent were; Angela Brooks.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim questioned Shawn if there was anything that can be done about the Pederson Park walking path. Jim asked if it would be possible to take a 4 wheeler through the walk way to try and wide and flatten the path. Shawn told the board that he would talk to Public Works to see what can be done to improve the walking path. Shawn also told the board that if they had any other concerns, to email him. Ron Horton questioned why Public Works wasn't using the mulch up on North Avenue for that specific area. Shawn indicated that he would talk with public works to see if that can be used for that purpose.

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

Shawn talked with the board about the effort that the Antioch Upper Grade School teachers and administration put in to the community back in May. He has had a conversation with the principal of the school, who has indicated wanting to do similar project again, but also expand to include the students from the school. Their discussion also mentioned additional collaborations between the groups moving forward.

Pool Rules Discussion

Shawn told the board he will be creating new pool rules for the 2016 season. One of the issues that the pool experienced this summer was the water bottle. Shawn ask the board if they thought it would be a good idea to allow residents to bring in their own water bottles. Shawn expressed his feelings why they were not allowed in the past. He explained that in the

past the pool has had residents bring alcohol in the water bottle instead of water. Shawn asked the board to review the new rules that have been written, and figure out what should stay and what should go. Also, if there are any other rules that they feel should be in the list that are not on the list.

Jen Dosch expressed concerned related to the clustering issue that happens with people during the pool swim lesson change over. Jen explained that at any time someone who is not in swim lessons could just walk in to the pool area. Shawn said he would look into it, perhaps the front gate should be used only for swimmers leaving the pool and the gate next to the check in window should only be used for people coming into the pool area.

Will Martino indicated the good reviews he has had from people regarding the evening swimming lessons. The evening swim lessons give working parents the opportunity to get their kids to swim lessons. Shawn indicated consideration about more time frames, maybe even mirroring the morning lessons in the evening could work. He also indicated wanting to add a parent tot swim, where parents are taught through instruction the way to teach their kids how to swim.

Jim Weber asked about the numbers related to the amount of chemicals used at the pool during the 2015 season.

Upcoming Events / New for 2016

The next event will be the Fall Wine Walk on Saturday, September 26th followed by Treat the Streets and Monster Mash Bash on Saturday, October 24th.

Shawn told the board about his new idea for a MacFest, and indicated he was thinking of a fall timeframe to launch it. The idea involves the participation of the community restaurants and local music in a single day event.

Program Supervisor Report

Shawn explained to the board the Camp Crayon registration. We are currently full on two classes and have only dropped a few kids in other classes due to Hillcrest School is now accepting everyone that has children with problems, or parents with financial problems.

Zumba low attendance compared to last year generally due to new instructors. As in the past, the new instructors will eventually bring the attendance back in the normal range.

Summer Day camp was very successful this year, bringing over \$205,000.00 in revenue. Shawn plans on sitting down with the staff and discussing the possible changes and additions for next year.

Shawn and Mary are considering proposing the use of AES (Antioch Elementary School) as the new home for the Summer Day Camp.

Shawn has requested that the board review the registration policy that he drafted and email him the changes they would like to see happen. Cedric would like to see a \$25.00 a session registration fee.

Next Meeting: Set for Wednesday, September 23, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Financial Reports

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

Other Business

Ron Horton spoke about the Class & Custom Car show that we just had on August 6th. He told the board that there were over 134 cars that attended. Ron thanked everyone that came out to help. He also told the board that Body Craft was a major sponsor this year giving us \$750.00 toward the prize money. Body Craft plans on being a sponsor again next year. Another group approached Ron during the Car Show about possibly becoming a sponsor next year. Ron would like to see the prize money cut back for next year, \$200 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd place. Ron asked if we could make sure that the Moose lodge doesn't run out of food. This is the second year they ran out at the end of the night.

Gina Wolf wanted an updated on the flooding on the path in the Woods of Antioch, and can anything be done about the path when it rains. Residents just can't get through the water without going on the grass around it. Shawn explained to Gina and the board that he has been talking to the Public Works Department about adding an alternate made of limestone and or mulch to go around the flooded area. This way residents won't have to go through the water when walking on this path.

Will asked Village Trustee, Jerry Johnson, is there is any plans on removing the Emerald Ash Borer from the trees in his neighborhood? The residents in his neighborhood have been questioning him if there is a plan, or if they are even on a schedule yet for their trees to be treated or cut down. Shawn told Will that in the new Connections magazine that just came out, on page 22, is the plan for the Emerald Ash Borer removal. Shawn told the board that the Village is following the national plan, but he also plans on speaking to Jim Keim regarding this problem. Will would like to see a mapping out of what areas will be done and when. Shawn told Will that Public Works will first come to the area, check out all the trees, mark the trees that need to be treated or come down. They will return within a few days to start the process. Will asked Shawn if he knew what financial resource will the Village be using to fund this problem.

Cedric Johnson inquired about the new Groot garbage service that the village has hired and if details will go out to the residents about what to expect in the next few weeks. Delivery of new garbage cans, and if the residents will receive any refund from their invoices that they already paid for future service from Waste Management. Will also asked Shawn if Groot will change the location of the dumpster in his subdivision. The HOA would like it moved to another area.

Jen Dosch told the board that Viking Football has started a fundraiser. They are selling advertising space on the fence that is at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex. Jen asked Shawn if they ever asked permission to put anything on these fences? Jen is worried that the nails will

destroy the fence. She is also worried that the advertising that they are selling are pictures of the kids, she is just worried that the teens in the area will be drawing all over their faces. Jen also brought up the fact that after football practice there is garbage on the top of the hill where the practice is taking place. No one seems to be picking it up, and when the Public Work guys are cutting the grass, they are chopping up the garbage too. Jen mentioned to Shawn that Viking Football is requesting a port-a-potti on top of the hill. Shawn will look into it for them.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary