

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the September 23, 2015 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:07 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, Angela Brooks, 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 Program Supervisor Mary Quilty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Jen Dosch to approve the August 19, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 6: Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, and Cedric Johnson, and Jen Dosch **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Chairman Weber let the board know that Grout have and will be delivering their garbage cans to Antioch resident this week. Anyone with special requests, will have their cans delivered to them next week.

Jim asked Shawn about the Pool Chemical numbers. Shawn told the Board that in 2014 the Village spent \$5,748.29 on chemicals for the pool, and in 2015 we spent \$10,135.12. Shawn told the Board the difference between the two years was, in 2014 the Pool didn't open until the later part of the first week of June and closed the third weekend of August. In 2015 the pool opened two weeks before Memorial Day weekend and closed Labor Day weekend which is a week later than previous years. Shawn also told the board that the daily fee increased by 2,000 people so for the first time in the history of the Antioch Aqua Center, the pool made money this year.

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

Pool Rules Discussion

Pool rules: Shawn told the Board that all parents that enter into the pool during Parent Tot time are wrist banded. During the 2015 season parent with children under the age of 6 years of age were only allowed inside the pool area. Shawn has suggested that we allow parents with older kids to come into the pool area, but do not let them swim until noon. The Parent Tot time is currently 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Shawn would like to see it changed to 11:45 am with only 15

minutes between Tot Time and Open Swim Time to clear the pool, so parents can upgrade to all day pass if needed.

Shawn would like to minimize the time between when the pool is being used and utilized more when it's not being used. Possibly having 4 swim lessons during the morning hours and 2 during the evening hours.

Other items Shawn spoke about were, the one arm length away from your child rule at all times while in the pool. He also recommends that the Aqua Center continues the no toys in the pool rule.

Dress Code: This past summer the pool manager experience an unfortunate situation regarding swim trunks for boys and men. A resident had purchased what she had thought were swim trunks, but according to our pool manager they were not to the Aqua Centers codes. Shawn has yet to find similar swim trunks that this resident had purchased. Shawn asked the board, in the future what should be done in this same situation? Does the pool need to post pictures of swim trunks acceptable. Shawn asked the board to review this rule and come back next week with some ideas on how to handle this situation. Angela also commented that she would like to see a length of these trunks included in the description of the swim wear. Gina added she would like to see speedos taken out of the acceptable swim wear.

Outside Food/Drink: Shawn would like to see it in writing what will be accepted into the pool area during open swim. Shawn would like to see no coolers, and if a residents would like to bring in an empty water bottle that would be fine, just no liquid of any kind should be able to be brought inside the pool area.

Rain Check Policy: Rain checks were given out on 2 separate occasions this past summer due to bad weather conditions. Shawn asked the board what they thought would be considered as a time when the pool staff should pass out rain checks. The rule that is presently used is a person that has been at the pool within 2 hours of closure should be entitled to a rain check. Shawn asked the board, what happens if there the lighting detection alarm goes off, should the pool staff give rain check to everyone, or should they wait to see if the pool reopens. Shawn also asked the board, should the pool close for the day if more than alarm goes off in a certain amount of time, or should they close until a certain hour and then reevaluate the weather and make their decision whether to close or not for the day. Shawn asked the board what other conditions they felt should close the pool. Should it be 65 degrees and lower? Should it be the type of rain - heavy/moderate or low attendance?

Jen asked Shawn again about the turn style that over pools use at their facilities to keep track of residents coming and going from the pool. Shawn had looked into the cost factor and found that the type of turn style that our pool would need would cost around \$3,000.00 Shawn told the board that the pool doesn't really have the money to spend right now on a turn style. Shawn also looked into a laser counter, unfortunately as in most cases it is cheaper it is difficult for mounting in the entry area at this point.

Shawn would like to see the present rule about safety breaks and adults being able to continue to swim taken out of the rules. Shawn asked the Board to review the rules and get back to him via email what they feel should stay and what rules should be changed or deleted.

SDC RULES

Mary and Shawn are suggesting an early discount to residents that sign up early for our Summer Day Camp. Shawn has suggested those that register by sometime in April would get a 50% discount off of the registration fee of \$50.00 those that register by sometime in May would receive 30% discount. And those that register after the middle of May would pay full price. Shawn reviewed the rules with the board of the upcoming summer day camp policies. Shawn would like to see registration for the following week closed the week before it starts. This past summer parents of campers were charged a \$10 administration fee per child, per occurrence for swapping and changing their children's camp dates. Shawn would like this to continue. Shawn will be checking with St. Peter's School and AES about possibly using their gyms for our Summer Day Camp. If it makes sense to have a larger space for the camp it might work but a lot will depend on the price of that use.

Shawn has been talking to District 34 in regards to allowing the Parks Department to use their buses for our Summer Day Camp. We could either hire our own drivers, or use theirs or we can pay them. Shawn feels it would be allot cheaper than hiring a bus service for each field trip which is currently charging the parks department around \$450 and up for each field trip.

Upcoming Events / New for 2016

Shawn and Toni have been discussing the upcoming North Pole Express event that will be in December. Tickets go on sale on Thursday, October 15th. Toni has been advertising it on Facebook for over a month now as an event. Over 670 have clicked on that they are going. The problem we have is that there is only 12 days, 65 tickets per day. If the 670 people only purchase 4 tickets each that would be 2680 tickets we would need. The unfortunate part of so many interested in tickets is we only have 780 tickets in total for all 12 days. The Parks Department has reached out to the Chamber of Commerce to see if they would like to join us in planning a Breakfast with Santa event for the residents that did not get to purchase the North Pole Express tickets. This event would be similar to the North Pole Express except no train, they would have breakfast, do crafts and Santa would only come in a read a story then invite everyone to the Chamber's Frozen Village where they can sit on Santa's lap and receive a goodie bag. Chamber would charge the Parks Department the full \$5.00 per person rate. Toni has been in touch with the Woman's Club and Boy Scout troop to see if either club would be interested in cooking breakfast for this event. We have secured the Senior Center for December 5th and 12th and the VFW Hall for the 12th and 19th. Shawn would like a suggestion from the Board which location would best fit our need.

The Farmers Market is coming to a close on October 8th. Treat the Street and the Monster Mash Bash will be on Saturday, October 24th. The hours for the Treat the Streets has been changed to 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm. The Monster Mash Bash will start at 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm or whenever the costume contest is over. We have the pumpkin roll back as well as the Musical Chairs. Shawn reminded the Board that Volunteers are needed all day at this event. The first Thursday of November we will have this year's contest ornament on sale. Jen Dosch asked Shawn if it would be possible if the Public Works Department put more lights on the tree this year. Shawn told the Board, he will look into purchasing more lights this year. We have the Ski and Skate sale coming up on Saturday, November 15th, and Christmas Parade on Friday, November 27th at 6:00 pm.

Program Supervisor Report

Mary Quilty was absent so Shawn explained to the board the Camp Crayon registration and how the classes have increased this year. Unfortunately this year Camp Crayon is experiencing a lot of crier's this year. Zumba is continuing to grow. Shawn has asked Mary to start looking into new exercise classes to offer. Shawn is hoping that if the instructors are all certified, perhaps it's can tie into the residents health care problem and it might be covered under their insurance.

Next Meeting: Set for Wednesday, October 21, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Financial Reports

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

Other Business

Angela asked Shawn if anything ever came of the Zombie Run. Shawn told the board that nothing has been planned yet. Shawn would like a Zombie Fest and is currently looking into planning one.

Gina told Shawn there was a hole in the sawmill near the entrance that she would like him to check out. Shawn told her it water a water spout and he would look into having some type of cover over it.

Will told Shawn that since the PTO in Antioch has disbanded so the Parks Department should be talking this opportunity to create new events for the Village. Will also asked Shawn when Groot will be swapping out the port-a-lets. Will plans on sending Shawn a map of where his subdivision would like the new port-a-lets to go.

Jen inquired about having a kids night in the parks gym. Shawn said he liked the idea and will work with Mary about starting one. Jen also commented that the signs that the Viking organization has put up at Tim Osmond Sports Complex is looking very nice.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary