

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf called the October 21, 2015 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:01 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, Will Martino, Cedric Johnson, Jen Dosch. Acting Chairperson Gina Wolf. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Shawn Roby; Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent Chairman Jim Weber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to approve the September 23, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Will Martino, and Cedric Johnson, and Jen Dosch **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

No report, due to Chairman Weber being absent.

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

Pool Rules

Shawn spoke about parent tot time rules specifically related to kids older who are not allowed to participate in the that activity. In essence the kids who aren't supposed to be in the pool wouldn't have wristbands on them. Shawn indicated that he had added the "No Outside Food and Drink" rule into the rules for 2016 to ensure that everyone could read it on the sign officially.

Holiday Brunch

After contacting several local organizations and not getting any response from them. Shawn has started talking to the Antioch Golf Club about hosting the holiday brunch that he had advertised about in the previous newsletter and magazine. The golf club would have a pancake breakfast, opportunity to see Santa, and get a ticket to the Chamber's Frozen Village, as well as having possible games, sleigh rides, and may-be live reindeers. The golf club would leave the bar open to the public as well as to the participants for anyone interested in adult beverages. The only manpower that they would need from the parks department would be in the registration and check-in. The price for this event would be \$15.00 per person, which would include the ticket to see Santa at the frozen Village.

North Pole Express

Shawn has indicated that he would like to start to plan the North Pole Express dates now so we are not beholden to Metra. We will still apply for the dates with Metra but nothing prevents us from procuring the location and the vendors to move forward and have our dates set in stone earlier in the year. We have been waiting for date confirmation from Metra which turns out to be later each year and causes us to wait to confirm and finalize other items. By locking dates down now we can just get ahead of things and if we get all the dates from Metra that is an added bonus.

Holiday Classics

Shawn has negotiated with the Antioch Theatre to show older Holiday classic movies at a discounted rate of \$3.00 per person. Shawn would like to start advertising these movies as soon as possible. 100 tickets will need to be sold for each showing in order for the movie to go. If any tickets are still available the date of the movie, they will sell them at the door.

Gina asked Shawn if the Holiday Classics is a big success, would the theatre consider doing it at least once a month or at some regular interval? Shawn told the board that he has spoken to the theatre regarding this and they are open to it.

Dickens Project-Chamber of Commerce

Jen Dosch questioned Shawn about the Dickens project, why is it that the Dickens organization could be sponsor for events in town, and yet they are looking for sponsorship for this event. Jen asked also if they don't raise the money for the Dickens will they still have this event? They are scary looking. Shawn told the Board that at the last Village Board meeting the Lake County Visitor Bureau informed the Board that they already have set up a bus tour to come into the Village to see the Dickens characters.

Ornament Decorating Contest

Shawn told the board that the next ornament contest will start November 5th. The ornament will be a candy cane. A local boy scout will be cutting and painting them and turning them over to us as his Eagle Scout project.

SDC RULES

Upcoming Events

The Treat the Streets and Monster Mash Bash event will take place this Saturday, October 24th volunteers are still needed. The Dickens Holiday Village will start Saturday, November 7th. Pool passes go on sale Monday, November 9th. Our 2nd Ski and Skate sales will be on Saturday, November 14th 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Our Christmas parade will be Friday, November 27th. Volunteers will be needed at 5:00 pm at the Bandshell. The Christmas tree ornament contest winners will be present to flip the tree lights on after the parade.

Program Supervisor Report

Programs Update-Discount Discussion

Mary gave the board updates on camp crayon enrollment. Mary also updated the board about a new Time for Me Too teacher, Linda Grenke.

Shawn brought up a little concern parks is having with instructors who run classes through the parks and recreation and ultimately convinces them to sign up with them independently from

the parks department in the future. The concern is we are ultimately promoting their programs and company only to have them take our registrants and bypassing us. In many cases we are providing 2-3 pages of materials without any compensation from the third-party who is providing instruction.

Mary spoke briefly about the multi-child discount, and or multi-class discount. Shawn and Mary are currently working out the details, they will have more information at the next meeting.

Mary also told the Board that 5-Star Sports is static from one year to the next. She would like to see the level of instruction go up each session. Perhaps have level one class at one location, level two and another location, both going at the same time. The child would have to take level one first before going on to level two. Mary told the board that she is currently using digital surveys after each class to get feedback from each parent that has a child in the 5 Star Sports programs.

Next Meeting: Set for Wednesday, November 18, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2015, were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the budget.

Other Business

Neuhaven-Mary's Park and Sprenger Connection

Will Martino asked Shawn about any progress regarding the possible installation of a crosswalk or stop sign to help avoid the possible collision between kids and cars. The hill leaving Marys Park heading toward the Sprenger Park connection is steep enough that kids use it to gain speed and vault into the park. The concerns are that the cars that travel this route might not see a kid as there are no warning signs or stop signs indicating that the crossing might be right there. Shawn explained that residents cannot just put up stop signs anywhere. There are traffic requirement for stop signs to be placed within the community and that they are currently going through this with another subdivision at the village board level. There are also possible other things that could be done such as cutting down the trees that are near the crossing area so pedestrians and drivers can see each other. A consideration for bollards at the entrance of both parks to stop them Will asked if many they could put a sign up that says stop if there are pedestrians are present.

Jerry Johnson, a Village Trustee explained that the board is already in the process of creating a process for this type of request and should have something soon. Once that is completed he highly suggest that the HOA go through those steps once it is complete.

Will also asked Shawn about the aerating for Mary's Park, Shawn told the board that the public works department has been using it for over a month now. Will also inquired about fertilization in the Sprenger Park in the future. Shawn indicated that public works has plans to fertilize it twice next year once in the spring and in the fall. The association has been helping with the

fertilization for the last couple of application and in fact the field had been triple fertilized this fall. These fields are on a feeding program and aerating schedule for the Spring and Fall feeding. Next spring the fields should look and feel awesome.

Antioch Youth Flag Football League (AYFFL)

Will also added that the flag football league went very well this year. The field was only hard 1 week out of there season. The league had 28 kids. Will asked Shawn, when will the Parks Department start scheduling activities at the fields start. Shawn told Will, he usually starts scheduling the fields in November. The only major change that will happen at this point will be an increase of insurance from 1-million to 2-million-dollar liability policies.

Park Signs-Universal

Cedric asked Shawn about the parks signs, Shawn told the board that the only thing he changed on the park signs was that he took off the hours when the park opened and closed. He also indicated that he would add No Smoking to all the signs.

Lightning Detection-Sprenger Park

Jen told Shawn that parents have been complaining to her about the lighting detector that she thought was in Tim Osmond Sports Complex. And how they did not go off recently during a storm. Shawn explained to the board there is no detector at that Park. Jen told Shawn that the coaches claimed they did not hear the detector go off so they kept the kids playing on the field. Many parents were very upset about this. Shawn told everyone that he will be pushing harder for lighting detectors in Tim Osmond Sports Complex. Jen told Shawn she believes that all organizations that use this park should help pay for the detectors.

Graffiti at TOSC

Jen would like all the signs that have graffiti on them removed by the parents who put them up. Jen also reported that there are 2 items broken on the playground, a bolt is loose and the clamps on the bouncy thing need tightening.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary