

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Thursday, August 25 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the August 25, 2016 regular meeting of the Park Board To order at 7:05 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, Cedric Johnson, Jen Dosch and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent were; Paul Hettich and Gina Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to approve the July 20, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 3: Ron Horton, Cedric Johnson, and Jen Dosch **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent were; Paul Hettich and Gina Wolf.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Chairman Weber spoke about the 4th of July Parade. Shawn told the Board that not much was sent to him regarding 4th of July and any changes that need to be done. Jim mentioned that the barricades were up on Harden as they were supposed to be, Shawn told the Board that No Parking signs were put up on the one side of the street. Also not address was the Haunted House issue that was a problem last year.

Director of Parks & Recreation: Shawn Roby

Shawn told the Board that he has been involved with interviews for the open Park Board Commissioners position. He also told the Board they plan on appointing 2 people to the Board, one being on the Board and the other will be an alternate in case one of the commissioners can't make it, they will take their place until they return.

Pool Lifejacket Discussion: The discussion had been postponed until this Board meeting. Unfortunately, the one person that complained about the infant life jacket has not been heard

from since the first initial contact. Shawn expressed his feelings regarding infants in life jackets, how a parent should not depend on these life jackets on a child less than 35 lbs. Parents should never be more than an arm's length away from their child at any time while in the pool. Shawn also told the Board about how his own child while in the life jacket as an infant rolled over and could not touch the bottom of the pool or turn around, thank goodness he was right there to help. Shawn believe all children should take swim lessons at any age. These life jackets only give parents a false sense of security.

Parks Software Rollout Update: The Software is out and has been in use since August 15th. The Park staff has been training on the system for four weeks. During the presentation, Shawn had the Park Board members create a login account so they could see how the new software works. Shawn explain how this software program will do so much more than the old system. Residents will be able to sign up for summer day camp now online, so no more Saturday sign ups. Camp Crayon parents will be able to make payments online and see their balances. This software will ease the workload on the office.

Fundraising: Toni spoke to the Board regarding fundraising. She handed out folders with information from MobileCause a company that Toni has been researching and had a webinar last week with a representative. Toni explained that the old way of fundraising is gone, the Millennials want to get involved but in a new way, online and social media. The webinar taught her that Millennials are between 18 and 34 years old, show them what's in it for them and how to take action. Crowdfunding is also an avenue to research, it helps people share the load and make change. This is new technology that is worth looking into for new ways of fundraising for the new slide for the pool or restoring the parks that are in need of restoring.

Upcoming Events: Shawn went over the upcoming events. Next event will not be until the Fall Wine Walk which is on Saturday, September 24th. We will be hosting the Monster Mash Bash again during the Treat the Streets, the Christmas Parade will follow in November, then December a very busy month of 16 days of the North Pole Express.

Program Supervisor Report:

Mary told the Board that the Terrific Two's class room will be getting new floors next week. The Scout House will be getting new cabinets. Camp Crayon is looking for substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 season. Camp Crayon's enrollment is up from last month. There are only a few classes that are not full.

Mary spoke about the Movie in the Park event. The attendance has been very low this year. Mary is looking to revamp how we show the movie and asked the Board for suggestions. Jen suggested having the movie on a weekend night instead of the weekday. She explained how so many of the kids in our community are so busy with sports in the summer that they are just too tired to go to the movies. Shawn would like to see another type of event before the movie, such as a dinner, or something he wasn't quite sure yet. Mary asked the Board to send any suggestions they may have to her.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2016 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the Budget.

Next Meeting: Set for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.

Other Business

Shawn told the Board that the Band Shell will be getting new speakers next year, he also told the Board about an email he received from a Wisconsin resident of Lake Shangrila that he could hear the music at his house, as clear as if he was listening to it through his radio. Shawn decided to take a drive up to the border not far from where this person lived to see if he could hear the music. Shawn said he could barely hear anything, not sure why this person decided to complain but Shawn did try to reach out to him, but this person probably didn't like Shawn's response. Ron Horton told the Board about getting a another new sponsor for the Custom Car Show that is in August. Not only did he secure Body Craft. But next year we will add Antioch Auto Parts to the sign. Body Craft has sponsored \$750.00 toward the prize money, now Antioch Auto Parts will add an additional \$500.00 to the prize money and trophies.

Ron also told the Board that his Car Show on Tuesday is going well.

Jim inquired about the Banners at the Band Shell. Shawn told him that when he ordered the banners for this year, he never realized that he had too much information on it, and you couldn't read it from a distance away. Next year we will have a few different banners with much large font size.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary