

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Thursday, September 21, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the September 21, 2016 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:08 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, Jeff Rosenthal, 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Jen Dosch to approve the August 25, 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, Abstained; Gina Wolf and Jeff Rosenthal.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Tom Shaughnessy attended this month's meeting to introduce himself to the Board. Tom is a Township Trustee for Antioch. Tom expressed to the Board that there must be miss communication between the Village and Township. Today was the first time he had heard anything about our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Tom assured the Park Board that they are working on the Township website to improve functionality. Tom is currently a township trustee also representing the township parks and works closely with Shawn on a pseudo committee to talk about how to improve all parks both for the village and township with the help of the non-for-profit sport groups.

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber:**

Chairman Weber welcomed new Park Board Commissioner Jeff Rosenthal to the Board. Jeff told the Board a little about himself and his family. Jeff is married to Heather, they have 3 kids, 2 sons and 1 daughter. Jeff has been involved with this community for many years. Jeff is also the HOA President of the Clubland's subdivision.

Chairman Weber also questioned Shawn about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities and where he is at with the new details for next year's celebration.

## **Director of Parks & Recreation: Shawn Roby**

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Discussion:**

To answer Jim Weber's question regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Shawn told the Board about the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration that will be included in next year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

1. Floats that will be entered. How will they be judged? How do we promote to the residents that quality is of high importance this coming up 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade?
2. The non-for-profit organizations will be more involved in the parade.
3. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans on being more involved with the parade as well.
4. Shawn suggested to the park board members that each of them should go back to their HOA's and suggested that they each enter a float from their subdivision.
5. Shawn plans on charging each entry next year for the parade, this will help fund bands, and other acts to be in our parade. Shawn plans on donating money to the school bands that participate in the parade. Jen Dosch asked Shawn if perhaps we could waive the entry fee in exchange for participates working on the parade. Shawn also commented that we must be careful to not charge too much, this could hurt us in the long run and we could lose participates.
6. Shawn expressed to the Board that he needs ideas from each of the Park Board members regarding the rules and regulations regarding the parade. How will custom floats be judged. Jim Weber commented that if the entry has nothing on their vehicle, someone on the committee that is checking them in, should tell that person that they cannot be in the parade.
7. Ron Horton stated that he would like the rules to include only 2 units per group.
8. Mary Quilty commented to the Board that they should consider charging more for parade entries for organization outside of Antioch.
9. Gina Wolf is still looking for a celebrity to be in our parade.
10. Jeff inquired about how many businesses in town actually participate in our parade with a float? Shawn told him – none. Antioch Theatre has tried in the past, unfortunately they cannot get volunteers to help out.
11. Shawn would like to get someone to announce each float as they go by, this person would also entertain the crowd in-between entries. Also if we have an entertaining entry, perhaps they could stop the parade 3 or 4 times to either sing or dance. Ron expressed that this would hold up the parade, especially if there are several entries wanted to all stop the parade and do their thing. Question, do we charge these participates in the parade if they are entertaining the crowd. Shawn would like to get perhaps bands to play at Williams Parks, but if they are playing there, then they must also be in our parade, and entertain the crowd while in the parade.
12. Jen would like to see 2 different charges, 1 for corporate / businesses and the other for non-for profit organizations.
13. Shawn explained that the Barbara Porch from the Antioch Chamber is planning on taking advantage of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and will be supersizing her

Saturday night event at the Taste of Summer celebration. Her ideas include: 4 big name bands to play all day long, have a balloon drop in-between bands 2 and 3. The Chamber will also have 500 cupcakes to all that are at the Taste of Summer on Saturday night.

**Pool Lap Lanes Discussion:**

Shawn told the Board that the Aqua Center has had several concerned parents complaining about the lap lanes throughout the summer. The problem is that the rules have changed several times this past summer. A parent called about children racing in the lap lanes, we also have parents trying to teach their children to swim in the lap lanes, all while adults are trying to swim laps. Shawn questioned the Board about lane usage. What should be acceptable in the lap lanes, should there be posted hours for certain activities? How do we accommodate the public? Shawn asked the Board to email him ideas. Jen Dosch would like to see rules printed on each receipt they receive when they either pay to get in or purchase something at the concession stand.

**125<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration and Committee:**

Shawn told the Board that he and Toni have been on this committee for several months now. The committee is made up of different businesses and organizations from around town. At this point of the planning for the celebration, everyone has been brain storming about the logo. What should it look like? Several members have emailed Shawn different versions of logos they thought would look good. At each meeting, copies of the logos submitted have been passed around and voted on, which one looks the best, changes on the ones they like. No logo has been selected yet. Banners and signs have been discussed regarding the size and look. But until a logo has been designed, the banners and signs are on hold. Ainsley and Jude have been working on the Anniversary book. It will include pictures of before and after photos of Antioch. Shawn told the Board that the Committee has decided to not have everything in one month, July like previously planned. Instead we will concentrate on the entire year. This way the organizations will all have a chance to plan something for the anniversary and they won't be competing with other organizations for resident participation.

**Upcoming Events:** Shawn went over the upcoming events. Next event will not be until the Fall Wine Walk which is on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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. We will also have the Ski & Skate sale in November, and the Ornament decoration contest. Jen Dosch feels it is unfair that a non-resident has already won this contest twice, she feels that only residents should be allowed to enter. The winner is the one that flips the switch to turn the lights on at the Tree Lighting after the Christmas Parade. Jim Weber asked if there is a theme this year for the ornament? Shawn believes that it will be a stocking, but we still have a bunch of old ornament from the last 2 years we may use.

**Program Supervisor Report:**

Preschool started lake week, all is going very well. Camp Crayon is still looking for subs for the program. Shawn and Mary are also working on creating new classes. Cooking, Art, Dance. Mary is in search for teachers for these classes, people with a passion for teaching young students. Mary told the Board that the Zumbathon did not go over well. Only about 8 people attended. But with those 8 people, they collected 2 full bags of socks for the Open Arms Mission. Jen Dosch asked Mary about the Yoga/Pilates classes. Mary told the Board that she is finding it very hard to find instructors for these classes. Antioch has so many classes by residents already. Some classes are even held in basements of our resident's homes.

**Financial Reports:**

Financial Reports for the period ending August 30, 2016 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the Budget.

**Next Meeting:** Set for Wednesday, October 19, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.

**Other Business:**

Jim asked Shawn if the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting could be changed due to his work schedule. Shawn will send an email out to everyone with other dates to choose from.

Ron requested that the Board introduce themselves to Jeff Rosenthal. Each Board member told Jeff a little about themselves and their families. They also indicated how long they have served on the Park Board.

There being no further discussion, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary