

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the January 18, 2017 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 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, Mark Tarkowski, Gina Wolf, Cedric Johnson and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent; Jeff Rosenthal, Jen Dosch and Paul Hettich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to approve the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 4: **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent were; Jeff Rosenthal, Jen Dosch and Paul Hettich.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim wanted to thank the Town Planner for apologizing for spelling Antioch wrong on our new calendar, They sent a press release out that was posted on our Facebook page stating that it was their fault that the spelling of Antioch was not noticed before going to print.

Jim also was very pleased that the North Pole Express went as well as it did. He has heard all good reviews about this event.

Director of Parks & Recreation: Shawn Roby

Shawn is considering having an 1860's Baseball game for our 125th Anniversary. Shawn explained the game and the rules to the Park Board. At this point, Shawn does not have a confirmed date yet for this game. Shawn does have a gentleman from Grayslake that knows this game and can emcee it. Shawn would like to see an exhibition game between the Village & Township residents on the 4th of July between 2 -3 pm.

125th Year Celebration and Committee:

Shawn is currently waiting for the approval of the calendar for the 125th anniversary activities before he releases it to the public. Shawn told the Park Board that the new 125th Anniversary Logo will be a part of the Spring and Summer program guide. Shawn will have it featured on the front cover along with about 8 additional pages detailing of the celebration inside this issue. This program guide is due out around March 13th. Mary is currently working on the program guide. Toni will be putting the

classes in the computer within the next few weeks so people will be able to at least start signing up for classes.

Shawn and Mayor Hanson met with the leadership of the NHS group at ACHS to discuss the overall group helping provide some activity ideas for the upcoming 125 year that they would like to see. He is currently waiting from a response from that group regarding this celebration.

Shawn will be meeting with the grade school principals and District 34 regarding the Art Crawl. Shawn would like to see the kids perhaps doing paintings and drawing of what Antioch use to look like for their projects.

For the 4th of July parade, Shawn is proposing that AYLL and Viking Football players be the ones that would hold the banners in the parade to break up the decades. There should be at least 12 banners. Ron Horton has suggested having a car for each decade to help break up the parade. He also suggested 3-4 cars per decade in the parade. Shawn asked Ron if he could get Napa's logo. Shawn suggested that when people are signing up for the parade that they sign up for which decade they would like to represent.

Upcoming Events:

The Winter Wine Walk will be this weekend. Volunteers are always needed. Shawn, Mary and Bernadette will be at the Illinois Parks & Recreation (IPRA) show on Thursday and Friday but will be back on Saturday morning for the wine walk.

The Mother Son luncheon tickets will be going on sale Thursday, January 27th. Shawn reminded the Park Board that Easter is right around the corner, and before you know it summer will be here. We have a lot of activities and events planned for the 125th celebration and we will be needing volunteers for all of them.

Park Rental 4 – 5 Hour Window:

Shawn started out telling the Park Board how in the past the residents would rent the Village parks. The pavilions would be rented from 8 am – 8 pm. He told the board that renters would only really use the pavilion for 4 maybe 5 hours but be put into the system from 8-8 PM. Shawn has suggested giving two renting windows. Either a 10 am – 2 pm window or a 3 – 8 window. Or if someone wanted it for an entire day they could get it at a discounted rate. Right now, Shawn told the Board that we are wasting manpower by sending Public Works over to these parks so early when the renter isn't at the park for hours. We do have people going to the parks on Fridays to make sure the pavilion is clean and the garbage is dumped before an event.

Shawn would like to contact the Boy Scouts to see if they would like to construct a display case for each of the Pavilions. This display case would have in it the upcoming weeks rentals. This way the public will be able to see if the pavilion is going to be rental that weekend. Ron is concerned that posting the upcoming rental would cause more of a problem. People would not rent it if they know that an event is not there that weekend. With our new software program, anyone can go online and see if a pavilion is rented and which ones are not. Shawn told the Board that the residents who rent the pavilion have the entire pavilion to themselves. If the pavilion is not rented, and someone decides to use it, they would have to share the pavilion with anyone else that wants to use it. Shawn told the Board that someday during the week Public Works or someone would go to each park and post the

upcoming weeks rentals. Cedric is concerned that the Parks department is covering all the expenses for sending out people to maintain these parks.

Pool Waterslide:

Gina asked Shawn why can't the Village do another Save Win and Swim fundraiser every year for the pool? Shawn told the Park Board the as much as the pool needs a new slide, the parks need a lot of work. We don't want to overload the residents with fundraisers. There are so many fundraising type of events going on right now, Shawn is just worried that it might be too much for the residents. Gina questioned how much revenue did the Village make on the last fundraiser that we did for the pool? Shawn told the Board that it was sad, only \$35,000 was raised. Unfortunately, we did not sell enough Save Win and Swim cards to reach the \$125,000 predicated amount that they anticipated, so the fundraiser was a flop. Shawn would like to consider possibly getting a car that we could raffle off but have a car that would be leased or an agreed price paid for it to make it work.

Shawn reminded the park board that centennial park is a \$400,000 park and it will in the future need to be replaced. We need a commitment from the Village Board money in a replacement fund each year. This way when it comes time to replace or repair the Village parks the money will be there and we aren't asking the resident for it in a referendum. Shawn did tell the Park Board that this year's Sharefest has offered to do refresh project on Centennial Park.

Shawn told the Park Board that there are other fundraising programs that could be considered. The Brick program will probably not happen this year. At this point he is aware of the Antioch Lions Club attempting to move forward on the brick program and wondering if that might hurt all causes if we have to many going on. Shawn reminded the Park Board that we don't have enough room at the pool for all the bricks we would need to sell to purchase the \$150,000 slide that is wanted. Gina said in the past we had asked each household in Antioch to donate \$20.00 each to fund a project, we only had 5 households respond. Shawn believes that to raise the kind of money that is needed for the slide it will take a few years.

Daytime Parties at the Aqua Center:

Shawn reminded the Park Board that the decision not to have parties at the Aqua Center was discussed in year 2 of the pool. Now that we are going into our 5th year of the pool being open and that the pool is now well established and we have the best lifeguards, Shawn would like to discuss having pool parties during the day.

Shawn has broken down the cost of having a party. Shawn is suggesting \$150 for a 10-kid party or \$200 for a 20-kid party which would include pizza and soda. The parents could only bring in a cake, no other food. All participants would have access to the pool for the rest of the day. Jim Weber asked Shawn what does the RecPlex in Kenosha charges for their day time parties? Shawn will have someone research the prices. Mark, not knowing what the Aqua Center charges for parties, asked Shawn what is Antioch Charging for evening pool parties? Shawn gave the Park Board the breakdown of how the parties work and the costs. Ron questioned if having parties during the day, will it affect the pool and the capacity limits? Shawn told the Park Board we have never had parties during the day and since we really don't hit capacity to often, he doesn't see it being a problem. Shawn suggested a trial basis to see if this is something the public would take advantage of. Cedric inquired if the prices for the pool rental is anywhere that the public could see? Shawn told the Park Board that the prices are already up on the Village website.

Program Supervisor Report:

Mary spoke to the Park Board regarding Camp Crayon and the Open House that will take place on January 24th. Mary explained how registration will go, the existing students will have priority registration starting on February 9th, Antioch residents with 60002 zip code will be able to register starting February 16th and non-resident outside the 60002-zip code will start registration on March 9th. Mary has asked for 3% increase on Camp Crayon fees for the 2017-2018 school year. Mary showed the Park Board what other preschools are charging. Mary told the Park Board that Camp Crayon is still lower than all the surrounding areas preschools except for Lindenhurst. Ron asked about the school program that Hillcrest offers, Shawn told the Park Board that Hillcrest offers a free program for high risk children. Mary explain how most of the children got into their program. Mary also told the Park Board that A Child's Place has approached Camp Crayon about working with them. They are a Day Care business with parents who would like to attend Camp Crayon and take part in the day care. Mary told the Park Board that Zumba is still holding steady. New participates are coming in each week. Shawn and Mary are still talking to Colletti's Physical Therapy regarding renting the pool to have physical therapy classes. Shawn will know more once the pool schedules are set at the pool, and times the pool could possible handle classes. Mary told the Park Board that she is currently talking with Hope's Playground to do our screening for our preschoolers. Prescreening is so important Mary said, screening for disabilities and other problems the child might have. Mary called it Early Intervention. Mary is asking the Park Board for approval regarding a 3% increase for Summer Day Camp. Mary provided a list of surrounding area camps and their fee structure, Shawn questioned the other camps times and days the kids go. Mary told the Board that most of the camps in the area, there camps are either a 3-day camp or a 5-day camp. Antioch's Camp is the only one that offers a vary of ways the kids can go to camp. It looks like all the camps have the same time, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Mary told the Park Board that the camp counselors will finally get a pay raise after being on a pay freeze for the past 3 years. Mary is worried that if the camp counselors don't get a pay raise this year she will lose some good counselors. Mary told the Park Board that the Village of Antioch's Summer Day Camp is an outdoor camp. They go on at least one field trip a week, either by foot or by bus. The campers walk everywhere in town. Before Mary the camp was an indoor camp. We were limited to only 70 kids in the building. Now that it is an outdoor camp we are over 150 campers between the 3 camps. The children are not allowed to bring any electronics with them to camp. And unless it is over 90 degrees or raining hard the kids are outside. Cedric asked Mary if there are any camps for kids over 15 years old. Mary told Cedric that we offer a Travelers camp, this camp is a bike riding camp where the kids could ride up to 15 miles in one day. This camp is offered for 3 days only, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

A motion to increase the Summer Day Camp Fees 3%, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Mark Tarkowski to approve the 3% increase of Camp Counselors Pay. Upon voice vote: Yes: 4: Mark Tarkowski, Ron Horton, Gina Wolf and Cedric Johnson, NO: 0 THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent were; Jen Dosch, Jeff Rosenthal, and Paul Hettich.

Financial Reports:

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

Next Meeting: Set for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

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Other Business:

Mark Tarkowski told the Park Board that in his subdivision the Village took down 160 trees. The residents in his subdivision have been sending service request on our E-Gov site that is on our Antioch Website. Mark also told the Park Board they should be doing the same thing, and added that if there are any other repairs or work that needs addressing this is how it should be taken care of. Shawn told the Park Board that we need to keep the Village Board members updated on the parks in town and what changes are needed. There are 6 Trustees and 1 Mayor that is in favor of the Village Parks. Shawn explained how when groups of people are interested in a cause that they can make a difference on how things get done. Mark also asked Shawn besides the slide, what other big items are on the list for repair or replaced? Shawn has a list of items that each Park needs, he will email them to each Park Board Member.

Gina Wolf told the Park Board that District 34 has been working together with the people who sponsor the Duck Race. Like last year the Duck Race is during the Art Crawl. This year it will be on May 6th. Gina also mentioned that she noticed that the Miss Antioch Pageant is on the weekend of the Antioch High School graduation. She is concerned that the pageant might suffer, due to senior graduating that weekend, they won't have time to be in the pageant.

Jim Weber mentioned Pedersen Park and taking down trees on the path. He also mentioned that the huge pile of mulch was spread on the path there.

There being no further discussion, Member Cedric Johnson moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:40 p.m

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary