

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the February 21, 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, 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; Gina Wolf, and Paul Hettich.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to approve the January 18, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes: 5: No: 0.** THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent were; Gina Wolf and Paul Hettich.

**COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Weber:**

Jim congratulated Melissa Nettgen on her recent crowning of Miss Lake County. This is the first young lady from Antioch to win this title.

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

Jeff asked Director Roby if the Village has any plans on working with District 34 regarding the use of the school for our Summer Day Camp. Shawn informed the Board that the District is planning on reformatting what classes will attend which schools. Dr. Marino, Shawn Roby and Mary Quilty have all spoken to one another about the use of the school gyms, and other class rooms for possible Art Classes, and after school classes. Mary has been working on possibly using AES this summer for a backup place the kids can go if the weather is either too hot or raining. The problem with AES is that it's an old building. The current electricity will not handle the electricity needed to run the portable air condition units that we would need to have on hot days. AES has no air conditioning. Mary also checked the prices of renting the air conditioners and the generators that would be needed to run the air conditioners, the price for both were more then we could pay.

**Swim Lessons Update:**

Shawn spoke to the Park Board regarding upcoming swim lesson registration and how the Parks Department will be handling all the registrations. New this year the Aqua Center will be offering swim lessons for parents and their tots 6 months to 3 years old. The class will start the week before session 1

of regular swim begins, Mary Quilty will be teaching this class and is planning on 9-9:45 am Monday – Friday for one week and if it's a big hit she will add another class at 10-10:45 am.

Shawn has set up Swim Lesson Qualification sign in for all parents to fill out. This does not guarantee their child will have a confirmed space in a class. What is will do is help when registration beginnings with ensuring that families accounts have the most up-to-date information related to their children's swim lesson. Shawn hopes this will eliminate transferring children into the correct class after the parent signs them up. The cost for swim lessons has gone up this year. Residents will now pay \$55.00 for each session and non-residents (outside the 60002-zip code) will be paying \$60.00 for each session.

Registration for swim lessons will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> for residents and May 8<sup>th</sup> for non-residents. Online or in person.

Shawn will be talking to the lifeguards to see if any of them would be interested in teaching swim lessons in the evening.

Jim Weber inquired about the issue regarding swim wear issues like what type of shorts are acceptable as we had in 2015. Shawn indicated to him that we haven't had any issues besides that one since.

#### **Brochure Update-Distribution Focus:**

Shawn told the Board that he is moving forward with the upcoming Summer Brochure. With the advertising dollars Toni is getting from the 4 businesses. With this additional revenue, we will be able to increase of distribution of 5,000 additional copies. Shawn plans on mailing this brochure to roughly 5,500 homes in Spring Grove, Salem and Lake Villa. Shawn explained that we are drawing to our currently programs from these communities.

Shawn told the Board, he would like to possibly hire some kids to go to Rock Lake area and have them go door to door hanging the brochure on the door knobs of these homes. It would be cheaper then mailing them. We will need to get magazine size bag holders so the kids could just stuff the bag and hag them on each door knob.

Currently Shawn is planning on re-engaging the public library about program guide collaboration. Shawn believes that if we shared in the expense than we would be able to produce 4 guides a year instead of only 2 and have a complete community guide.

Shawn and Mary will also be talking with the Library regarding the classes that the library offers for free. Mary doesn't need to be trying to create classes that are offered to the public for free, when we would have to charge for the class. The Library will be able to offer them in our program guide.

#### **Budget 2017 Requests:**

Shawn spoke about all the upcoming items that he has requested in the 2017-18 budget. Shawn is considering getting air curtain for the aqua center and getting rid of the screens completely. Shawn explained that the door that the food or drink passes through usually breaks off at least twice if not more a year.

Shawn is also looking at having one sign made for the Saw Mill. On this sign, would be all the families that have donated trees and bushes and other items associated to this park.

The Board briefly discussed not replacing the hot water heater at the pool, conclusion was the water heater is not broke so don't replace it.

Jen asked if the Township was going in 50/50 on the lights for the parking lot at Osmond Sports Complex. Shawn told the Board he hasn't heard at this point if they planned of helping out with the cost. Shawn has looked into Solar Lights which would be approx.. \$3,800 a piece. The Chain O'Lakes Church has offered their old parking lot lights to Township Trustee Shaughnessy. Shawn is hoping we could use them in Tim Osmond Sport Complex to provide lights in the parking lot.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Shawn went over the upcoming events for the month of March. We need volunteers for the Mother Son Luncheon for both 11:30 am and the 1:30 pm seating.

Easter is right around the corner Shawn told the Board, we will be hosting the Flashlight Egg Hunt again, sponsored by Ron Horton, the Easter Parade and Egg Hunt that follows the parade.

Shawn reminded the Board that the Antioch Jr. Woman's Club will be hosting a "Fashions Through the Decades" at Dockers on May 18. They might be looking for help in the fashion show.

#### **Program Supervisor Report:**

Mary spoke to the Board about the Camp Crayon registration, numbers are increasing for each of the classes at a great pace. She told the Board that the 4-year-old AM class is the only one full as of today, Zumba is finally picking up, in fact the instructor as requested adding Monday's back to the schedule. Mary told the Board she is planning on waiting to see how Tuesday/Thursday go in the next month before she adds an additional day.

Pickle Ball has been go very well. The group of Pickle Ballers come on Tuesdays and Thursdays after Camp Crayon students have gone. Mary told the Board they usually get up to 8 people each day to play.

Summer Day Camp Counselor applications are starting to come in. Mary told the Board that Ashley Meyer our Camp Sunshine Director is leaving us so she is in search of a new director.

Mary is also in search of a water aerobics teacher, and asked if anyone knew one to have them contact her about a job.

#### **Financial Reports:**

Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2017 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the Budget.

**Next Meeting:** Set for Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

#### **Other Business:**

Jeff asked about the referendum again, Shawn is already working on the updates for the schools.

Jen asked about the parking lot in Osmond Sports Complex, if there is a way to get the people not to park on the side of the road, they are creating huge ditches on the side of the road, and when it rains

they are filled with mud. Jen asked isn't there a way to stop them from parking there. Shawn is currently working on a solution.

Jim asked Shawn about the Trees in the parkway that have been cut down, is there a plan to replace them. Shawn told the Board that there is a Tree Replacing Program that is being put together by the Public Works department.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:35 p.m

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary