

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Tuesday, May 10, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the May 10, 2017 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, Mark Tarkowski, Jeff Rosenthal, 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, Cedric Johnson and Paul Hettich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to approve the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 4: **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent were Gina Wolf, Cedric Johnson and Paul Hettich.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Mr. Malsch was surprised to hear Shawn was leaving the Village of Antioch, He thanked Shawn for a job well done.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim told the Park Board that there is a conflict with the June 26th date for our next meeting, there is an Environmental meeting that same day, June 21st Jim could not make because he will be working, but Jim would like to see the first Park walkthrough be at Sprenger Park. Jim ask Shawn about the Park Walk Throughs, and what parks will be assigned to what commissioners.

Jim also asked what programs are using what parks. Shawn told the Park Board that Jensen Park tennis courts are being used for the Pickle Ball until Centennial Park tennis courts are finished being repaired. Shawn also thinks that it would be a great future project to add a walking path around the outer edge of Jensen Park.

Director of Parks & Recreation: Shawn Roby

Shawn addressed the Park issue and the programing of the parks during the week. Shawn explained that our programs must be during the week, the Village simply does not have the space on the weekend, or the employees to run the programs.

Ron spoke about Centennial Park and how 25 years the Park committee was formed and how the volunteers and employees built the park in one week. Jim added that he would like to see signs up in the parks stating what the future plans will be at each park. Shawn told the Board that the Park Plan is already in the budget for 2017. Shawn would like to see the Village refresh the parks every 2 – 4 years.'

Park Evaluation Sheets:

Shawn told the Park Board that he has designed an evaluation sheet for the commissioners to use when they do their walkthrough. He also reminded the commissioners that they should be checking their assigned parks at least twice a month. Shawn explained how important it is to report all damage and problems to the Parks Department right away. Shawn received an email regarding Trevor Creek and the problems that are in the park. Shawn asked the Board to please take pictures and forward them to him, this will help him out when filling out work order sheets for Public Works.

Capital Replacement Plan:

Shawn explained the plan to the Park Board. At the previous meeting the Park Board members received a replacement plan for the parks. The Plans lays out the next 10 years of replacement. Shawn based the plan on the age of the equipment that is currently in the park.

Shawn told the Board about this past weekend's project Sharefest. North Bridge Church and their volunteers worked on the park all weekend long. They spread over 165 square Cubic feet of mulch, painted the picnic tables, planted the flowerbeds, fix the light on the flag pole, power washed and painted the pavilion and dug outs in the baseball fields. The park looks amazing. Shawn expressed how he highly recommends that in 2020 when it's time to work on Centennial Park again that the Village replace it with wood again. Perhaps the Village can do as they did in the past and form committees with the public. Get a kid committee together to see what it is they would want in their park. Make this a community project again.

Jim expressed to Shawn that he strongly disagrees with turning Jensen into a dog park, the poop would be such a problem. Shawn told the Park board that the park that has just be acquired by Lake County on the corner of 59 and Beach Grove Road would make a great dog park.

Shawn went over the park list and when he feels each park should be replaced/repared.

Shawn also told the Park Board about a software program called "Mysidewalk" this software will tell anyone how many people live in that area, the ages and other important information. The software would cost \$1500 a month, but if the Village only gets it for one month and collect all the data for the Village it would be worth it.

Upcoming Events:

Shawn went over the upcoming events. The next big event is the Miss Antioch pageant. Jen is in need of volunteers again. The pool is scheduled to open on Memorial Day weekend, the first Farmers Market will start on Thursday, June 1st, followed by the Summer Wine Walk on Saturday, June 3rd. Ron had his first of many car shows yesterday. Ron told the Park Board that it was bigger than most of the shows last year.

Program Supervisor Report:

Mary told the Board that Camp Crayon will have their graduation ceremony on May 18th & 19th and that all Board members are welcome to come and see their graduation.

Mary told the Board that Camp Crayon registration is still going on. Numbers are slowly rising. Zumba class is going up in numbers also.

Mary has been working with Live Well Lake County regarding the GO ANTIOCH. Anyone that would like to join simply meets at William Park on Saturdays at 9:00 am for a 30-minute walk. The Live Well people are planning on getting Blue T-Shirts for all the participate. Summer Day Camp registration is still going on. Numbers are getting bigger every day. Pickle Ball is now outside and moved to Jensen

Park until Centennial Park is finished. Jeff asked Mary if she was going to be able to handle all the additional duties until the Village finds a new director, Shawn told him with the help of the entire staff the Parks Department will be fine. Shawn told the Board that the Aqua Center will be doing an in-service training and Tim Taylor from the Antioch Fire Station will be helping our group of Lifeguards. Jen asked Shawn about the donation for the 4th of July, Shawn explained how it worked, he simply added a question that pops up when a person is checking out in our system, “would you like to donation toward the 4th of July celebration” if they answer yes, they get to enter an amount at checkout.

Financial Reports:

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

Next Meeting: Set for Thursday, June 21, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

Other Business:

Jeff asked about the mulching in the parks, Jen spoke briefly about the pageant and how she needs volunteers.

Mr. Malsch asked if the mulch is okay to use in other parks, Shawn explained how they mulch the mulch so it will be safe to use.

Jim asked what was going on with Hannah’s old building and when Lovin Ovens will be moving in. Shawn told the Park Board he hadn’t heard anything yet.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Jeff Rosenthal to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:23 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary