

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

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf called the June 21, 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, acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent; Jen Dosch, Cedric Johnson, Paul Hettich and Park Board Chairman Jim Weber. Cedric Johnson arrived at 7:25 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Jeff Rosenthal to approve the May 10, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 3: **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent were Jen Dosch, Cedric Johnson, Paul Hettich and Jim Weber.

COMMUNICATIONS –

None.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

With Jim Weber absent, Gina told the Park Board there was no Chairman report.

Director Report:

Mary explained to the Board that Jim Keim will speak to them regarding the hiring process for the new Parks and Recreation Director position. Jim explained that he has received over 100 applications and they are going through them now. The HR director Kathy has been contacting and scheduling interviews for the top applicates. Jim and Kathy will interview them first, the Mayor and Trustees will be able to ask the applicates they move on to the 2nd interview next. Jeff asked Jim if they are still taking applications, Jim told the Board "Yes" until they have a solid person they will continue to take applications. Ron asked if Mary, Toni and Bernadette will be included in the interviewing process? Jim told the Park Board the final 2 will be taken over to the Parks Department where the staff will have a chance to meet them and ask questions. Jim told the Park Board that he has a new-found appreciation of the Parks Department. Jim saw how busy this Department is and how important it is to have a knowledgeable candidate for this position. Mark added he would like to see someone from our area that knows Antioch get the position.

Cedric Johnson showed up, he explained that his email had 7:30 pm as a start time, he figured it was because of the 2 parks walk-thru.

Upcoming Events:

Mary went through each of the upcoming events.

4th of July

4th of July is our next event. Mary asked for volunteers for the parade and for the kid's fun faire.

Gina asked how will the people who do not decorate their vehicles or floats be handled. Mary told the Board that we will need enforcers. Gina and Jeff both were recruited to be enforcers.

Mary explained that there will be no float contest this year. We have no judges. Mary has asked her counselors to help with the parade. The Summer Day Camp will be the final float of the parade with their banner on the back side telling the crowd this is the end of the parade and to join them at Williams Park for more festivities.

Park Walk Schedule and Evaluation Sheets

The park walk thru went as scheduled, the Park Board members met at Mary's Park at 6:30 pm. What was discovered was the pavilion needed paint, the fences that surround the park need adjusting. Jim told the Board that the Village insurance policy would cover the volunteers as they do repairs to the park. Mar explained that the HOA in that area did not agree with the Village about a 50-50 split on repairing the fences. It was either the Village paid 100% or it wasn't going to get done.

Jim told the Board that we need to put this project on a list of repairs that need to get done.

Jeff expressed that some of the parks are in high demand of mulch. Jeff will be taking pictures of any problems he finds in his parks and forwarding them to Mary.

Jeff also asked if any additional summer help was hired, Jim told the Board no.

Centennial Park Grand Re-Opening

The Grand Re-Opening is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th at 2:00 pm. Mary requested anyone that is in the area to please attend. Mary also requested the Park to let their family and friends know about this event. Ron asked if all the people that worked on the park 25 years ago were contacted and invited. Mary explained that there are no email addresses for the people who worked on this project, but we have been advertising it on the Website, Facebook and Authentic Antioch.

Upcoming Fall/Winter Brochure

Mary asked Toni to explain why this is on the agenda, Toni told the Board that it is important that we start getting sponsors for the cover, and inside of the brochure. We need to decide if we will be letting sponsors take smaller ads out inside the brochure this year. Toni asked the Board if they have anyone that they know that might be interested in advertising in the Fall/Winter Brochure to contact her at the Parks Office.

Program Supervisor Report:

Mary went over the Camp Crayon registrations, the numbers continue to go up. These classes should be filled by the time Camp Crayon begins in September.

Summer Day Camp continues to grow in numbers. More and more campers register for the remaining days in camp.

Mary spoke briefly about the In-House programs, and how the numbers are not there this summer. We have had to cancel many classes due to low enrollment. Mary is currently talking with Chris from 5-star to see if perhaps combining the classes together like they did last year.

Financial Reports:

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

Next Meeting: Set for Thursday, July 19, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

Other Business:

Ron told the Board that we have Crusin Antioch on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. The Cruise will start at Walmart at 5:30 pm then begin the cruise to downtown Antioch at 6:00 pm. Ron suggested we pass out flyers to all the business to let them know that the downtown will be filled with people until 8 pm and they should stay open.

There being no further discussion, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Jeff Rosenthal to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:09 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary