

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf called the July 19, 2017 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:03 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, Jeff Rosenthal, Cedric Johnson, and Jen Dosch. Park Board Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Paul Hettich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Jeff Rosenthal to approve the June 21, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 6: **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Paul Hettich

COMMUNICATIONS –

Nick Summerfelt attended tonight's meeting in order to receive a merit badge for his Eagle Project.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim expressed how he felt about the 4th of July parade and how it went. He thought that any person, vehicle or float that was not decorated was not going to be able to participate in this year's parade. Gina, Cedric and Ron were supposed to be the parade enforcers. Gina explained to the Board that she personally went out and purchased decorations and passed them out to people that showed up without decorations, she explained to the people that they had to have decorations in order to be in our parade. For the most part people did as she asked. Gina even walked over to them to follow up and see if they did, and they had used her decorations. She thinks this is one way to solve the issue and possibly build upon. Maybe charge them a flat fee for decorations if we have to provide them, or have a deposit and they get it back after the parade, if decorated correctly. Jim was confused when he had seen a tanker truck in the parade. KB Kustom Trucks was told to unhook the tanker, it would not be in the parade.

She they unhooked it and placed it in the back-parking lot, but Tom Kessell told them it was fine and they could be in the parade.

Director Report:

4th of July Parade Recap:

There was a lot of discussion about how do we decide what is enough decoration for a vehicle, and what is not. How do we stop them from being in the parade when they are not decorated? Should they be put at the end of the parade? Should they not be allowed in the parade? Ron Horton brought up

the loud sirens, he thought that the sirens were banned this year. But as always, the fire trucks had their sirens and horns blowing. Ron feels the small children and dogs were the ones suffering. Ron said he would like to have someone speak to the Fire Chief to see what can be done in the future regarding the sirens. It was also brought up that we need more signs for traffic control. A sign that would be at the entrance of the parking lot, and other signs for the parade participants to follow. Jeff had mentioned that the Antioch VFW approached him wanting to know why the American Legion and VFW were split up this year. Toni explained that she was just following last year's parade line up. The VFW and American Legion took it upon themselves to join one another and not follow how we had them set up.

As for Williams Park, there were a few bumps Jen told the Board. Garbage cans were not emptied. Picnic tables were still under the pavilion, rented chairs were dropped off at the wrong pavilion. We only had 2 public work helpers, and they were busy moving port-a-potties around. Jen would like to see at least 2 people watching the entrance to the parking lot to stop people from trying to park in this parking lot. We had it barricaded off for the volunteers, pool staff, band members and vintage cars. There was a problem with a 17-year-old moving the barricade, he ended up cutting the tip of his finger off moving the barricade. Toni and Jen set the entire game area up before anyone came to help. Toni believes that if we had a banner on the new pavilion that had GAMES / BINGO on it then more people would have been playing games. We also need directional signs in the parking lot for Games / Food / Music. It would help a lot. We should also have rules for all the vendors that set up is before 9:30 am and not after. One last thing Jen told the Board, there needs to be at least 45 minutes between sets for the bands, 30 minutes is just not enough time.

Hiring Status:

Mary told the Board that HR has come down to 2 candidates. Mary asked Ron Horton to explain what he had heard from Jim Keim. Ron explained that the young man from Tennessee is in negotiations with the Village now. If he accepts the offer then he will be moving to Antioch with his family and will probably start either the end of August or beginning of September.

Upcoming Events:

Taste of Summer starts this Thursday, followed by the Lions BBQ.

Fall Wine Walk tickets go on sale Thursday, July 27th.

The Classic and Custom Car Show and It's Thursday Concert will be on August 3rd. Volunteers are needed. Anyone looking to help should be at the bandshell by 4:00 pm the latest.

Program Supervisor Report:

Mary told the Board that Camp Crayon enrollment is still increasing. 2 of the classes are 1 away from being full.

Summer Day Camp continues to grow each week. More and more are registering for the remainder of the summer.

Zumba numbers are low this summer, so in order for it to grow the instructor came up with a coupon for the month of August,

Water Zumba is doing well at the pool along with the water aerobics.

Mary past out the front cover of the upcoming Fall & Winter brochure, everyone seemed to like it, Jeff suggested taking the top pictures and may-be making it look like it's a film strip instead of just sitting in a row. The entire Board would like to see the 2017/2018 in a bigger font.

Mary told the Board that the Aqua Center is running great. She was told by one of the lifeguards that left, that she was told by her new employer that she has more education in the Aqua Field than anyone they have ever hired before. That says a lot about our instructors.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2017 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the Budget.

Next Meeting: Set for Thursday, August 16, 2017 @ 7:00 pm. Our next Park walk through will be at Pedersen Park. Mary suggested talking to North Bridge Church to see if they would like to do Pedersen Park next year for the Sharefest project. They told Mary when they were at Centennial park that they would like a project for 200 people, also they would like to do at least projects a year.

Other Business:

Ron Horton expressed his feeling on how disappointed he was at this Board and the Village Trustees. Besides himself, Jerry Johnson and the Mayor, Mary and Toni were the only people representing the Village of Antioch at the Re-Grand Opening. He told the Board he tried to invite as many people as he could, unfortunately it was a little too late.

Jen brought up 2 items, first she would like to see the Board re-visit the water bottle issue at the pool. And 2nd, she would like to start talking about Christmas and future plans for Antioch at the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:32 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary