

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called November 14, 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, Paul Hettich, Gina Wolf Jeff Rosenthal, Cedric Johnson and Mark Tarkowski. Park Board Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Spencer, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Jen Dosch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Cedric Johnson moved, seconded by Member Paul Hettich to approve the October 18, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 6: **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Jen Dosch

COMMUNICATIONS –

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim asked Robbie about the life jackets that he planned on purchasing, how many and what sizes. Robbie told the board that he plans on waiting to order the jackets until he hires a Aqua Center manager. Jim also asked Robbie about the concession stands that are in our parks, who owns them. Robbie explained that the Village of Antioch owns the property and building but AYLL and Viking Football uses it. Jim also inquired about the October Committee of the Whole meeting, why was it canceled. Robbie told the Board that there wasn't enough Trustees to have a meeting.

Director Report:

Robbie spoke to the Board about the Meet & Greet that will be held on Thursday, November 16th and requested that all Board members attend. Robbie also invited all the Board members to attend the November 28th Committee of the Whole meeting to help support him while he introduces his ideas of hiring additional help, and requesting Bernadette go full time and Toni become the Special Events Coordinator for Antioch. Mark asked if there are talking points they will need about the parks and what needs to be done, Robbie told him that he will not be bringing that up at this meeting. Jeff asked what is the cost of 4 full time people. Robbie told the Board that he will email all the Park Board Commissioners a list of what he plans on talking about.

Christmas Parade.

Robbie expressed to the Board that we need people to help with the lineup. As of today, there are at least 27 entries, more coming in every day. Cedric, Jeff and Paul, Ron all volunteered to help. Robbie asked everyone to be at the Bandshell at 5:00 pm to help with lineup. Robbie also told everyone that he would like to see them at the Tree lighting that should start at 7:00 pm.

Outside Youth Organizations:

Robbie and Mary meet with AYLL, Viking Football and Antioch Flag Football. He explained that the meetings all were very productive. It appeared that the outside organizations were all on board with his plans. Robbie told the Board that before the Park Board meeting he had met with the LaCrosse organizers, there is a strong possibility that we may be merging with them. Robbie explained that the programs he will be introducing will be for Youth and Adult programs. There will not be any adult soccer programs, just flag football, basketball, and baseball. AYLL is also considering merging with us with their program.

Robbie also spoke about the Sharefest meeting that he had with North Bridge Church requiring Pedersen Park. Right now, North Bridge Church is looking at Saturday, May 5, 2018 as the projected date to have Sharefest. Ron Horton and Paul Hettich would like to help. Paul works for the Forest Preserve. More details on this project will be available after the Monday, January 8, 2018 Sharefest meeting. Robbie encouraged all the Park Board members to attend.

Skate Park:

The skate park remains closed. It should be complete next week Robbie told the Board. In Robbie plans there will be an annual maintenance program put in place. Robbie will also be talking to our police department regarding patrolling the park and possible cameras for surveillance.

Approval of the Annual Schedule – Park Board Calendar 2018

After everyone looked over the Schedule, it was voted on.

Commissioner Paul Hettich moved, seconded by Commissioner Ron Horton, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented.

1. Approval of 2018 Antioch Park Commission Annual Schedule of Meetings Calendar Year 2018 presented. Upon roll call, the vote was: YES: 5: Horton, Hettich, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1: Dosch. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Upcoming Events:

Toni told the Board the upcoming events. We are in need Volunteers for the Christmas Parade, and asked for everyone volunteering to be at the bandshell by 5:00 pm to help with lineup.

Toni also invited anyone of the Commissioners if they would like to help one day with the North Pole Express to call her and let her know what day they would like to attend.

Program Supervisor Report:

Mary told the Board about Camp Crayon numbers. The Camp Crayon 4-year olds recently went to the Senior Center for a visit, it was a big hit between the kids and the seniors. Mary plans on having the 3-year olds visit the seniors soon. Mary is getting for the Christmas parade. Mary is bringing back the Wagon Brigade for Camp Crayon families only.

Mary spoke about the upcoming Spring and Summer Brochure. She is currently working on the inside of the brochure. She would like to have all information to Impressions count by the first week of December. Mary also mentioned that the Parks department needs a photographer.

Mary told the Board that the enrollment status for our 5-Star Sports programs continue to decline.

The Ski and Skate sale did not go as well as last year. Mary plans on only 1-day next year to take items in. She took in 164 items this year, sold \$731.00 in merchandise resulting in \$110.00 for the Parks Department. Mary told the Board that Zumba is back. Mary has hired a new Zumba instructor. Starting Thursday, November 30th Zumba will start again at 6:00 pm at the Parks gym.

Financial Reports:

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Other Business:

Ron Horton mentioned the Sharefest, we need everyone's help. North Bridge Church has a lot of younger kids that plan on helping, but we need supervisors the day of the event. Ron also mentioned that Lovin Oven is hoping to be open first part of January 2018.

Jeff asked if anyone has contacted the new owners of the Bowling Center. Toni told Jeff she was planning on contacting them soon regarding new events. Jeff also asked about the land next to Pedersen Park, could the Village possibly purchase it to make the parking lot bigger? Robbie will be looking into it for the next budget season.

There being no further discussion, Member Mark Tarkowski moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:25 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary