

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, December 13, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called December 13, 2017 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:02 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 Jen Dosch Park Board Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Spencer, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Paul Hettich to approve the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 6: **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS –

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim expressed to the Board that he felt the Christmas Parade went off quite well. Cedric added that he would like to see more signs in the parking lot for direction, and when the lot is full.

Director Report:

Christmas Parade.

Robbie told the Board that he had met with the Police department regarding the parade, Robbie also said for next year he would like to have a meeting before the parade to go over everything. A preplanning meeting. Safety crowd control, line up maps made for volunteers. Ron explained to everyone how his lights were done, how he had the crowd come into the street for the count down then go back to the sidewalk. Unfortunately, the police said they had only heard about it a few minutes before the parade was to start. They need to know during our preplanning meeting.

New Staff:

Robbie thanked everyone that attended the last Committee of The Whole meeting. Robbie again told the Board that he believes that the more we as a Park Board are involved, the more the Trustees will trust us as a Advisory Board. Robbie informed the Board that the new staff members that he will be hiring soon and that. That Bernadette is now full time and in charge of the front office. Toni is now the official Special Events Coordinator. He will be purchasing a vehicle in the future for the Parks Department.

Announcements:

The Skate Park repairs are now completed and is now open. It took about 2 ½ weeks after the parts were received to complete the work.

The Budgets are currently being prepared by each department. Robbie told the Board that there should be a rise in the budget due to new activities that will be starting in the upcoming year.

Robbie told the Board that the Winter Wine Walk will be in January and that Toni is looking for Volunteers for check in again.

The North Pole Express is already in its second week. Robbie joined the event on the 7th with his family. He heard nothing but positive feedback from the families that were on his train.

The Parks Department will have the gym floor replaced in 2018. The floors at the Scout House are being re-finished during winter break.

Robbie has been talking to Public Works and other people regarding the Osmond Brothers walk way, he his currently considering having the walkway built up. The Board told him that they were told that the Army Corp of Engineering will need to be contacted.

Sharefest, Robbie told the Board that we as the Village can not do anything until the Army Corp of Engineering is contacted, we need to send plans to them, so they can review them. Ron told the Board that Machinery is needed to clear the path of the trees, and branches that are currently growing on the shoreline. Besides Northbridge Church we will need volunteers to clear everything first.

Program Supervisor Report:

Mary told the board that Camp Crayon's Open House is set for January 23 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. She then told the Board that she has planned the registration to start in February. Priority for those in our program already will start before the public is able to.

The Camp Crayon children will have their Annual Christmas Party this week. Mike Culat will be playing Santa Claus again this year.

Zumba started again on Thursday, November 30th with our new instructor. The class was free and 26 people attended this class. Mary told the Board that if this class continues to grow, she will consider having an additional day during the week.

Financial Reports:

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Other Business:

Gina questioned since the Antioch Bowling Alley is now open can we support them as much as we can by creating programs or leagues for kids or anything like that there?

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Jeff Rosenthal to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:52 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary