

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called February 21, 2018 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, Mark Tarkowski, and Park Board Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Spencer, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Absent: Jen Dosch and Recording Secretary Toni Galster.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Paul Hettich moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to approve the December 13, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes: 6 No: 0. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS –

None

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim questioned where are we with Pedersen Park?

Ron told the Board that last week he was in contact with the Army Corp of Engineering, the Village does not need a permit to do the clearing at the park around the lake. Robbie and Ron meet with a man regarding the removing and mulching of the debris. It will cost the Village \$1500.00 a day to clear the path, mulch on site. One man and one machine, 2 days should be more than enough to complete what needs to be done. Robbie met with Jim Keim for his pre-approval. Robbie thinks it should only take one day to complete what needs to be done, Northbridge Church will be able to come in and rake the mulch and place where it is needed. Ron thinks the path should be about 6" thick. Any of the debris that cannot be used will be burn on site. Garbage can will be needed at this park around the path, Robbie plans on purchasing cans that can chained to trees, so they are not thrown into the last or stolen.

Director Report:

1. Winter Wine Walk and Daddy Daughter Dance:

The Wine Walk went off with no problems, we had to cut back on the locations by request from Larry at Antioch Fine Wines. Since Steve's death Larry had to take over and wasn't up to speed yet and asked us to cut back on locations for the winter wine walk. We will go back to the normal locations in the summer and fall wine walks. We sold 378 tickets. We had 20 volunteers.

2. Winter Wine Walk and Daddy Daughter Dance: continued

The Daddy Daughter Date night was a huge success. This was 4 Sure entertainments 3rd Daddy Daughter Date Night Dance. Ryan has made this show a huge success. We sold 402 tickets. This year we had a 80's theme, everyone came dressed in 80's clothes.

New Staff:

40 Applications came in for the Aquatics Manager position. They interviewed 5 candidates. HR cut it to 2 candidates. The 2-top woman were then interviewed by the Parks staff for an Hour each. After each interview, Mary took each lady on a tour of all the Parks in the Village. By a vote of 4-0 Missy was our choice for Aquatics Manager. Missy has already brought so many new Ideas with her from her previous employer, Huntley Park District where she spent the last 10 years working, 3 of the last years was spent working full time. In her spare time Missy has been with the Wisconsin National Service where she is coming to the end of her Military career. While serving in the Wisconsin National Service Missy's MOS (Military Occupation Service) was 92 Yankee, Classified unit Supply Specialist. Missy has studied our swim lesson programs and has discovered that we need more levels. The parents in the past has asked the instructors why their children are not advancing as they should. Missy believes if there are more levels the children will advance faster. Our staff at the pool has been trained in the Starfish program. Missy plans on training our staff the Starfish swimming lessons. This is an international wide used system. Missy has already planned new events at the pool, such as Tie Die Day, free once a month, Sunday Funday. Missy wants to get Culvers and Dairy Queen involved. She will also introduce Military Monday discounts. Robbie believes it's time for a Complete Fresh Start, revisiting all the pool rules, allowing people to bring in coolers and the Life Jacket situation. Missy has worked with Mary on the brochure regarding the new programs that she will be offering at the pool, she has 6 pages for now, and looks like she will have more to come. In the Off Season, Missy will be totally involved with new sports programs that Robbie will be introducing to the community.

Robbie mentioned to the Board that over 80 applications came in for the maintenance guy position. Interviews are now being done through the HR department. The goal is to hire 2 maintenance guys that will be solely for the Parks Department, their job will be to maintain the parks, and do any of the odd jobs that the Parks department need help with, such as bringing tables, chairs to events, help setting up events, etc. Robbie will have a set schedule for the new guys. Depending on the Season, Robbie will have work for both men all year long.

3. Announcements:

Today was supposed to be Jen Dosch's last meeting, unfortunately she is not here. She is also supposed to be sending in her resignation to the Mayor. New applications for the current open

seat have come into the Village Hall. Lori will be giving the Mayor the resumes and he will be making an appointment before the next meeting.

The Budgets are still in the process, Robbie was able to cut \$60,000 of unnecessary stuff from the Parks budget. Adjustments from the finance department are still going on. We have a \$250,000.00 Capital improvement in the budget, Robbie plans on having the Parks Gym worked on, to make it more appealing and safe. Next year we will have \$50,000 in the Master Plan for improvements. \$10,000.00 to \$20,000 will be in the Master Plan for an indoor facility. The Future is looking bright.

The Mother Son Game Show will be on March 4, 2018. Volunteers are needed.

The New and Much Improved Spring and Summer Brochure will be distributed next month.

Lora at Impressions Count has done an amazing job re-designing it. Robbie believes it clean and easy to read. Mary has done a great job getting the information to Lora.

4. Upcoming Events

Toni is currently working on all this years upcoming events. She will email the commissioner the events she needs help with. Ron has generously donated to the Flashlight Egg hunt. Ron mentioned that the Kids love this event. Last year his granddaughter had such a great time. Ron asked if next year we could get neon or glow in the dark eggs.

Robbie told the Board that he will be sending out emails on Friday with upcoming Events.

Program Supervisor Report:

1. Camp Crayon Update:

Mary spoke about the Camp Crayon Priority registration, the Camp Crayon classes that she offers are well on their way to being full before it opens to the public.

2. Zumba Status

Even though everyone our Zumba instructor, she was coming from Waukegan. She felt that having only 1 class a week at \$25.00 each week, was not enough for her so she resigned. We have been searching for a new instructor but at this point we have not found one. With all the businesses in town offering Zumba it might be better off discontinuing it all together.

3. Job Fair

Missy and Mary attended the first of two job fairs at the Antioch Community High School. They were able to table to the kids about the new jobs at the pool. Missy has decided not to have employee cross trained. She will be hiring Admissions, Concessions, Pool Attendees and Life Guards. Missy is considering hiring 15 years olds as C. I. T's to intern for experience, they could possibly help with first aid. Mary thinks that if we offer C.I.T. then we would have to hire someone solely to teach them. In the past we offered C.I.T. and it was just a babysitting type of camp. The kids in the C.I.T. program ended up just being campers themselves.

4. New Programs

While at Huntley Park District, Missy taught Cheer and Pom's to the younger kids. This is a great chance for parents to have their daughters take this class and not have to spend the big bucks like other parents have to in the Viking program that is offered. While our gym is very

depressing looing, having a new gym floor will bring new life to our gym. New programs could be offered. Credit mentioned he would like to see us offer a computer class for the seniors, Mary mentioned that the Library already offers those types of programs. We cannot compete with Free.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2018 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the Budget.

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Other Business:

Ron mentioned that he has been doing car shows for 6 years now. Most of the cars that attend his car shows do not have headlights, so they are gone before dark. Last year Ron was able to collect many prizes from local surrounding business for his raffles that he has at each car show. Ron wants to get the young kids involved in the car shows, he is afraid that kids today if they don't get involved then cars of yesterday will not go into the future, it will be a lost art. Mark asked if he could offered contest for the kids to get involved with, such as carbonator contest where the kids take apart and put back together the fast competition's, stuff like that?

Gina had a question regarding the Christmas Parade, she said a parent who was in front of AES during the parade, why doesn't Santa go all the way down the parade route, instead of turning at the Village Hall. It was mentioned to her that Santa has always turned at the Village Hall, the barricades are at Orchard and Main Street. The Parade stops there, the people that are in the parade can go past the barricades to AES where they turn and go back to Skidmore, where the parade had started.

It was also mentioned that we need to help make our Christmas Tree stand out next year.

Mark questioned Robbie on the School program activities. Robbie explained to the Park Board that all the programs he is currently working on will take up to a year to create and execute. The Baseball, Basketball and Football programs are all being worked on. It looks like AYLL and AYSO will be on Board, not sure what is going on with the Vikings Programs. The Sequoit programs will all need finalizing before Robbie can move forward on them. We are at the foundation of this new program, depending on how things turn out will determine when and how we will be promoting these new programs. This will take at least a year to create.

There being no further discussion, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Gina Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:38 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary