

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Paul Hettich moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to approve the February 21, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 3 **No:** 0. Absent were: Gina Wolf and Jeff Rosenthal. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Mr. Mulsch asked if the Village has set aside any amount of money for the Parks? Robbie explained that in the budget there is money for each park. Ron told the Board that many years ago the Village tried to get a Park District, but it did not get voted in.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim was absent, there was no Chairman's Report

Director Report:

Budgets:

Robbie will be presenting the Parks Budget at the March Committee of the Whole Meeting which is at the end of March. Robbie told the Board that as long as we don't have to cut anymore then he already has, then we should be good for the year. The COW meeting is next Wednesday, March 28th he encouraged all the Park Board members to attend. Robbie told the Board that he has allot more projects in the future. Paul asked if he thinks there will be any issues with his projects. Robbie explained that he didn't anticipate any surprises. Paul spoke about his meeting with the Lake County Forest Preserve, the same questions were asked at his meeting, do you anticipate any problems?

New Staff:

Robbie told the Board that we have 2 new employees in the Parks Department, Randy Chappel and Dennis Nation. They officially began employees on Monday, March 19, 2018. Since they started the two have been to every park in the Village, made a report on each park, what needs repair and what will need replacing. The outside organizations will still be assisting the Village with field maintenance, to help our park guys out. AYLL in the spring and Viking Football in the Fall. Robbie added we should see much improvement very soon.

Announcements:

The Parks Spring and Summer Brochure is being distributed this week to over 47,500 homes instead of the 16,500 that we have done in the past. Robbie is pleased with the new design; Lora at Impressions Count did a great job on the brochure this time. Mary did a great job getting all the information to her. Robbie wanted to attract the residents in the surrounding communities this one time. Robbie believe once they see what Antioch has to offer then they will come back every year. He is hoping we will not have to do another big mailing again, the outside communities will be able to go to our website to see what we offer.

The Mother Son Event was a big hit to those that attended. Unfortunately, each sitting did not meet its maximum number. Next year we will be going back to the bowling event.

Mother Daughter Bingo Tickets go on sale tomorrow, March 22, 2018 There are two different seating's, we are anticipating a sellout.

Robbie has found new funds in the amount of \$50,500 for parks. Robbie plans on spending every penny before May 1st, when our new fiscal year starts. Tim Osmond Sports Complex needs electric to their scoreboards. Right now, AYLL must bring a generator to the scoreboard for electric. The Township does not have the money this year to help pay for the electric. Supervisor Tom Shaughnessy and Robbie have been working quite well together so projects can get done. Tom assures Robbie that they will be able to help the Village out next year financially in Tim Osmond Sports Complex. Robbie told the Board that he got a great price for spraying the park for bugs before the Sharefest. He also thanked Ron Horton for everything he has done in order to get this project started. Robbie told the Board about the Eagle Scout project that is happening at the Scout House. The Public Works guys took down the sign in front, the Eagle Scout will be replacing the sign with a new sign. Robbie will be pitching in money toward this project. They will also be working on the flag pole. Robbie was also told that the Eagles will also be installing a Gag pit in the Old Osmond Park. Robbie was very impressed with the young 14-year-old Eagle Scout and how he came prepared with a power point presentation. Paul told the Board that when he was 14 his troop project was the Saw Mill. This troop was responsible for laying down the rock near the water, clearing out the brush in the park, picking up the trash in the park.

Robbie informed the Park Board that on Saturday, April 28th the Village will have the installation and dedication of the Bronze Sculpture in the park next to JJ Blinkers at 11:00 am. A film director will be attending this event to complete a documentary for Dennis regarding his Trailer Maker Trees. As more information comes in, he will forward to all of them. Time and details of the dedication.

Paul expressed how he really enjoys receiving the email updates each week. He likes being informed. Paul also complimented the Parks Staff on the Spring and Summer Brochure, he just received it in the mail today, it looks great. Robbie told the Board that the Brochure is also available online through our Village Website in a PDF Format. Lora did an amazing job, it looks so professional. Paul inquired why we don't do the Movies in the Parks any longer? He had remembered in the past that we did it. Mary explain to Paul and the rest of the Board that this is very expensive. We had no sponsorship, and that it was very dependent of the weather. The last time we had it, the Movie was postponed 2nd due to bad weather. Paul asked if the Village is still considering a Park District? Robbie told the Board that we are not ready for a Park District yet, we will be, but he wants us to get our new programs up and running. To prove to the residents of Antioch that we should have one, it would benefit the residents. Robbie sees up trying to pass a Park District in about two years. Robbie has read how the Village presented to the residents back in 1992, he plans on doing it completely different. But he reminded the Board that the Park District has its own taxing body. The Park Board would be eliminated, the residents would vote in their own Board. Robbie's Mary's and Toni's job would be eliminated as well. These positions would also be elected. There is no guarantee that any of the staff would stay at their position.

Upcoming Events:

Toni told the Board about the upcoming events. Mother Daughter Bingo tickets go on sale, Thursday, March 22nd. The Flashlight Egg hunt and Easter Parade and Egg Hunt are all ready to go. Volunteers are needed for the Parade and Egg Hunt.

Program Supervisor Report:

1. Camp Crayon Update:

Mary told the Board that there are only 9 weeks left of this years Camp Crayon. Mary told the Board that she has 9 amazing teachers for Camp Crayon. They are dedicated woman and she is proud to have them as Camp Crayon Teachers.

The Summer Day Camp Registration will start on April 5th. Parents will be able to register online or in person. One thing is different this year, the parents must pay for whatever they sign up for at the time of registration. They will have to register for each week by the Wednesday before the week of camp. There will be no more Pay Later or payment programs. This will eliminate changes each week and no more problems in the Parks office.

2. Bike Resale

The Bike Resale will be on Saturday, April 14th 8:00 am – 11:00 am Mary asked each Board member to notify their HOA's that we will be putting signs up in their entrances to their subdivisions starting next week. Mary also asked each Board Member to please take down the signs after 11 am on Saturday, April 14th. Mary told the Board if they are looking for a bike to come before the sale starts.

3. GoAntioch

AAHAA has backed out of GoAntioch. No longer involved with it. Mary is seeking leaders for GoAntioch. The walkers meet each Saturday at 8:00 am and walk for about a half hour.

Missy have been doing individual interviews with the returning employees for the Aqua Center. Mary plans on doing a group interview process for new possible employees. Mary's group interview is planned for Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 am. She has 33 returning employees and looks to hire 10 – 15 new employees.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending February 28, 2018 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the Budget.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Other Business:

Ron mentioned that he is disappointed that the kids today have no place to learn about working on cars. He wants to contact CLC about the car classes for kids. Ron wants to get the kids more involved. He is afraid that the muscle cars and classic will be a thing of the past. Ron is the man behind the Wings Etc. Car shows. He really is worried that the kids today won't have any guidance or a access to learn how to work on these cars. Cedric told Ron that the vehicles today are EV, they are computer run, kids today are just not interested on working on cars, they have to desire or time. Cedric suggested having someone come to the car show and tear a car apart and put it back together. Ron told him that the people who show cars would not be doing that. It takes time and the right place to do it, not at a show.

Paul made the comment that he has met some Village employees that have no clue who the Mayor, Police Chief or Fire Chief are. Paul ask is there anyway we can fix this. Mary told Paul that we have had events in the past that all 2 gentlemen were at, the Public Works guys and other employees were all invited, they had a chance to meet them, but they choose not to come, we can not make them come to these events.

Mark told Robbie he was doing a great job. He asked about the Parking lot access across from Sprenger park, no one uses it, can they close it down. Robbie not sure if they can. He will talk to Jim about it.

There being no further discussion, Member Paul Hettich moved, seconded by Member Ron Horton to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:01 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary