

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Acting Chairman Gina Wolf called April 26, 2018 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 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, Cedric Johnson, Mark Tarkowski, and acting Chairman Gina Wolf. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Spencer, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty and Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Jeff Rosenthal and Park Board Chairman Jim Weber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS – none

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim was absent, there was no Chairman's Report

Director Report:

Sharefest:

Robbie told the Park Board that a lot more work that should have been done at Pederson Park was done. Items that weren't on the list. Unfortunately, the company doing all the work could not guarantee that all the work that was on the list would be completed at the end of the day. Gina asked Robbie about the payment to this company, Robbie will not be paying the full amount. He made a deal with them because, all the work that was supposed to be done in the 8 hours was not completed. Ron Horton and Jim Weber will be meeting about 20 people from North Bridge Church at Pederson to cut down & clear the remaining debris and removing it. Ron apologized to the Park Board, he secured the guy to cut down the bushes and trees. Mitchell Landscaping will be bringing 2 bobcats to the park to help remove the debris. Ron also mentioned that they will need an additional 2 4-wheelers and electric to pull out brush before they can mulch it and lay it down. Mark asked Robbie about burning the brush, Robbie was informed by the Fire Department, NO they could not burn.

Budgets and Projects:

Robbie told the Park Board that the Budget was approved, The Parks Department will see a 30% increase in funding for this year. Many of the projects that were on Robbie's list have been completed. Robbie informed the Park Board that electric has been fed to the scoreboards at Tim Osmond Sports Complex. Robbie is hoping to replace all scoreboards in the future. Robbie has been getting quotes for the scoreboards. Right now, the best quote is \$40,00 cheaper if they go with a LED scoreboard and field lights. An Antioch resident has offered to install everything for free. All Capital improvements will start after May 1st when the new fiscal year begins.

Ron ask Robbie about his 5-year capital plan. Robbie explained that in 2020-2021 Jensen Park will be worked on. There are plans after May 1st to beautify and make all the parks in the Village look better.

Open Meetings Act:

Robbie asked each Park Board member if they have taken the Open Meetings Act class yet. They all said yes, except for Jeff and Jim who both were absent, Cedric wasn't sure.

Announcements:

Recap on the Easter Egg Hunt and Flashlight Egg Hunt. Toni explained what happened at the flash Light Egg Hunt, we just didn't have enough adult help. The kids that were helping had a problem confronting the kids that were taking too many eggs. Next year Toni explained that only 100 will be able to participate, 140 was too many, parents were complaining and telling their children to go get more. Next year we should also bring the sound system with us. The Parade was cancelled due to weather, not so much the rain but the wind. The Mayor wanted it postponed but if we had postponed it until noon like he wanted, then we would have lost the Police security. The guys that were going to be in the parade and at the cross walks were the ones that were coming off the midnight shift. The police chief said that he would have to let them go home, the new shift would not be able to help us with the parade, so it was not only the wind problem but the safety problem. Between the Chief Huffman, Toni from the Parks Department, Trustee Jozwiak the parade was cancelled. Toni posted on Facebook that the parade was to be postponed until noon and the egg hunt will follow. But after the cancellation of the parade, a new Facebook post was posted saying the parade is now cancelled but the Egg Hunt was back on at 11:00 am as planned. Signs were made and posted over the NO PARKING SIGNS so if people did come to see the parade they will see that it was cancelled. The Egg Hunt went well, the rain stopped, and the sun did come out, but the wind was bad. The hay was blowing all over the place. North Bridge Church brought a dozen helpers. Ron Horton went and purchased a roll of plastic to help block the wind. Which really helped a lot. The only problem we had was the 3-4-year-old parents that went into the egg hunt area with their children causing problems and standing on eggs. Otherwise the event went very well.

Robbie told the Park Board that AYBO basketball people came into the office last week. They are looking forward to consolidating with the Parks Department. Robbie met with Jay Marino, they are hoping to start something in the fall.

Robbie told the Board that the Village Board will make the Park Board Commissioner appointment at the next Village Board meeting.

The Antioch Swim Team, Waves, is getting ready to sign a contract with the Village of Antioch for the use of the Antioch Aqua Center and pay a fee to use the pool. Missy has been in contact with the

Waves and it looks like our swim lessons will have more lanes open, which means more lessons will open for us. Our Concession Stand will be selling for all swim meets from now on.

Upcoming Events:

The Bronze Trail Marker Tree dedication will be on Saturday, Robbie asked all the Park Board members if they could show up and support it. On the same day is the Eco Fair. On Sunday we have our Annual Mother Daughter Bingo, 2 of the 3 seating's are already sold out, the 5 pm seating still have available tickets. We have the Sharefest at Pederson Park, the Art Crawl in downtown Antioch and the Bandshell and the Community Garage sale at Williams Park all on Saturday, May 5th. The 885 Civic Club Carnival has moved this year to Toft Street and the north end of the community parking lot off Toft. The carnival is set to open May 10th through May 13th.

Program Supervisor Report:

1. Camp Crayon Update:

Mary explained to the Park Board that the registration for Camp Crayon is still going well. 3 of the 7 classes are full, 1 class is close to being full and the other classes have plenty of openings.

2. Day Camp:

Registration for Day Camp is going very slow due to the software program we have. New this year, Pay as you Go. Parents can register up to the Wednesday before the week of camp for only the days their children will be going to camp. No more pay later. There will be no more switching dates, if parents need before and after camp they will be paying \$15.00 for either Before camp or after camp needs, for the entire week, whether they use 1 or all 5 days.

3. Adult Softball:

Mary explained the new Adult Softball teams. She asked the Board to create a team. The registration started on April 12th. There will be a Men's League, Women's League and a Co-Op League. Each team should have up to 12 members.

4. Bike Resale:

Mary told the Board that the Bike Resale went great this year. Out of the 141 items that were taken in, 79 did not sell. 62 items did sell. We collected \$460.00. There were about 15 bikes that were donated to Working Bikes Org.

Financial Reports:

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Other Business:

Ron Horton brought up the Calendar of Events. He asked the Park Board members how many they have helped with. He mentioned that North Bridge Church had helpers at the Egg Hunt. Ron told the Board that they receive \$80.00 a month to be on the board, that is \$960.00 a year. Ron continued to say that our events are important to this community, and volunteers are who help make them happen. We all need to step up and help if we expect to continue these events.

Paul Hettich told Ron about being on the Forest Preserve and that when events need help they are called, the Parks Department should be asking the police department to help at the events. Ron told Paul, it is not so much the security we need, it is the setting up and breaking down, that's where we are lacking the help. Paul made a great point, we should be calling the police more to come to each event to have a presence at the event.

Gina inquired about the 4th of July parade, she would like to see at least 3 email blasts to the parade participants regarding decorating their vehicles and floats. Also, an agreement should be included where they must sign, either digitally or bring in, where they accept the terms that they know they must decorate or know they will be turned away at the parade entrance. She also brought up having bikes and pets back in the parade. Toni told her that was already in the plans.

Cedric asked if they could have a list of all parade participants who claim they are going to be decorating so they know who to look for.

There being no further discussion, Member Ron Horton moved, seconded by Member Paul Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:05 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary