

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf called June 20, 2018 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:10 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: Bill Rentner, Paul Hettich, Gina Wolf, Jeff Rosenthal, Cedric Johnson and Lori Flade. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Robbie Spencer, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty and Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Chairman Jim Weber

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Paul Hettich moved, seconded by Member Bill Rentner to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 5: **No:** 0. Absent were Chairman Jim Weber. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mr. Mulch mentioned that he thought it was too loud where he sat at the Miss Antioch Pageant. He was in the front row near the speaker.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber: Jim Weber was absent; no report was given.

Director Report:

Project Updates

Robbie told the Park Board that the new LED Scoreboards were approved at the last Village Board meeting. They will be replacing all 4 scoreboards at Tim Osmond Sports Complex and the scoreboard at Williams Park. This project should be done by August 1st. The Township will be reimbursing the Village 50% of the cost of the TOSC scoreboards.

Robbie told the Board that he has hired a consultant to help him write a bid for the improvements at Williams, TOSC and Centennial Parks.

Robbie explained to the Park Board that the walking path at the Osmond Park is being worked on by the Village Administrator Jim Keim, he hopes to have it completed by Spring 2019. Jeff Rosenthal asked Robbie is there a break down of all the projects? Robbie told him that he will have a detailed report ready for them at the next meeting. The report will show what he wants to complete every fiscal year. When the budget is ready Robbie wants all the Park Board members to review it.

Consolidation Updates

Robbie told the Board that AYBO has officially been consolidated into the Village as of June 11th. The plan was approved, and they will continue with their 501C status. AYBO plans on hiring 2 people in their organization to help keep it organized.

AYLL voted at their last board meeting to consolidate with the Village. Robbie hopes that a contract and resolution will be in place by the next Village Board meeting or latest October.

Robbie told the Board that he is preparing the first season with his first outside organization consolidation, AYFFL. The numbers are looking good. We still have 3 weeks left of registration Robbie told the Board.

Presentation – Board Make-up and Expectation

Robbie started his presentation with a brief description on how the government works. From the Mayor to the Village Administrator and the Village Clerk to each department head, and finally the Trustees and Commissioners who are only an advisory Board. He told the Board that Trustee Jerry Johnson is the Park Board Liaison. Jerry takes to the Village Board what the Park Board is requesting or has advised on. Robbie explained that every Municipality uses this system. Antioch has a Parks & Recreation Department, we are not a Park District. We work on a budget with the rest of the departments in Antioch. The fiscal year is May 1st each year and ends April 30th. The Village of Antioch has shared reports and shared revenue. The Parks and Recreation Department has a \$300,000.00 budget. Robbie explained to the Board that he needs to spend the money that he has in the budget. Robbie's spending goes as follows; if the item is under \$2000.00 he can sign off on it, no Village Board approval. Anything \$2001.00 - \$10,000.00 Robbie must get 3 quotes and the Village Administrator must sign off on it. Anything over \$10,000.00 Robbie must get 3 sealed bids.

Robbie went over Expectations Rules for All Park Board members.

All Commissioners are expected to attend every meeting possible and provide input at the meetings. Understand that they have no voting ability, only advising ability. Bill asked Robbie to please notify everyone when they are needed for certain events. Robbie told the Board that all Commissioners should be at all events, getting their face out in the public, to talk to the residents. Commissioners should make every effort to help when they can. Robbie also explained to the Park Board that they have NO purchasing power, no one can buy anything at any time - No Direct Decisions and No Deals with anyone. Robbie will have Toni create a sign-up sheet for each event and send it to all Commissioners.

Someone mentioned Signup Genius.

Robbie requested from each of the Park Board Commissioners that they should all go to their assigned parks and please check them out. Gina requested a Park walk-through on July 18th and then Tim Osmond Sports Complex in August after the scoreboards are installed.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- (1) Re-Cap Miss Antioch Pageant – Toni Told the Board that the Pageant went very well. We did great at the door and Community Choice. We have 3 great new queens.
- (2) Farmers Market and It's Thursday Concert – So far the concerts have been well attended, we only had one rain date and that was the GooRoos who have been rescheduled for August 23rd.

- (3) 4th of July Festivities – We need help on the 4th for the parade lineup. Breakfast will be served at Las Vegas for all Volunteers. If anyone can help out at the Kids fest that would be great too.

Aquatic Program Manager Report:

Missy was unable to attend but sent 2 memorandums on how the pool was doing. Memorial Day weekend was in the mid 90's an average of 455 patrons a day. The last 3 weeks have been sunny between 75 – 80 degrees approximately 250 – 300 guests each day. Swim lessons have started. Total of 165 registered participants and 43 are on a waitlist.

The first special event day was on Thursday, June 14th. Approximately 40 children brought their own white t-shirts to the pool and were able to tie-dye for free. Pool attendants assisted in helping them tie-up their t-shirts for fun. Missy plans on hosting this event once a month. Sundays are now called Funday. Robbie will be hiring a Aquatic consultant to work with Bob, to see what needs to be done to run the pool more effectively.

Program Supervisor Report:

1. Camp Crayon Update:

2018-2019 Camp Crayon is going strong, each week we sign up at least a new camper each week.

2. Go Antioch

Mary thanked all the Park Board members who have been helping her with Go Antioch. Each week it is getting smaller since the first day. Paul told everyone that he plans on being at the walk each week for the rest of the summer. He loves telling his walkers the history and stories about Antioch. Paul would like a General Business Card, no person's name on it, just the Village information to give out to people when they are asked about certain things that are happening in town, and how people can find out more information.

3. Kayak Classes

The Kayak classes are held in the park in Oakwood Knolls. The past class was awesome, Mary told the Board. They had 4 participants for the 1st class and 3 have already signed up for the 2nd class, which is on July 8th.

4. Summer Day Camp

Mary explained to the Park Board Members about Summer Day Camp and how she has changed how people sign up. Campers are required to sign up for the next week of camp by the Wednesday before each week begins. So far it has been working well. Parents are not having to come up with money for weeks in advanced and they are not changing days and weeks like they did in the past. Mary expressed to the Board how great Courtney and Megan are doing as Camp Directors this year. Thursday will be their first field trip to the Milwaukee Zoo.

Mary will be looking into special needs for campers next year. She will investigate how companions work and the expense of it. Robbie has introduced Camp Hope this year for the first time. Campers that can not afford to come to camp will be able to experience camp free once a month. But they must pre-register for camp. Right now, we will only be testing to see if it is something we want to do more of next year. Jeff expressed he would like to see the kids do at least 2 days a week, like the other campers. The campers will receive a free lunch (SDC Cookout on Friday's) and swim at the pool. The next Camp Hope Days will be June 29th, July 13th and August 3rd. Mary will be sending information to the schools and the schools will forward the camp information to the families. Traveling Closet wants to help too.

Financial Reports:

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 Park Walk through will be at Pedersen Park at 6:30 pm

Other Business:

Bill told Robbie that at Tim Osmond Sports Complex the sign is bent down at the concession stand. There were scratches on the doors. There are 3 – 5-gallon pails sitting in the parking lot doing nothing. Bill also requested additional signs in the park, No Parking and Reserved. Bill added that the wooden fencing needs to be fixed, there are 6 posts in bad shape.

Paul told Robbie that at Williams Park the trash is over flowing, there are leaks in the roof at the pavilion and the lights under the pavilion are still on in the morning. And there is a homeless guy that hangs out at the park every Saturday.

Gina thanked Robbie for the presentation. She enjoys the history time and would like to know more about the history of the properties in Antioch. She would like to see Boards of History in town.

Jeff apologized for not being here but told the Board that the Clublands is building a new park in Heartland Park. Cedric asked about a half-court basketball court or a tetherball court in Trevor Park

There being no further discussion, Member Paul Hettich moved, seconded by Member Cedric Johnson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:57 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary