

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Weber called the September 19, 2018 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:01 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Rentner, Tarkowski, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson, Flade and Chairman Weber. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Interim Director McCarthy, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty and Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Paul Hettich

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Interim Director McCarthy suggested postponing approving the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes until the next meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 6: Rentner, Tarkowski, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson, and Flade.

No: 0.

Absent: Rosenthal

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS –

Citizen Ron Horton told the Park Board that he was recently approached by a resident regarding the Williams Skate Park. Mr. Horton told the Board requested that the Village install security cameras at the park due to the drug dealing and bullying that is happening at this park. Chairman Weber asked Interim Director McCarthy why is it taking so long to install the cameras since the Board approved the installations of the security cameras months ago? Director McCarthy wasn't sure, she will be looking into this and getting back to the Board when she has an answer.

Director McCarthy told the Board that they are required to have at least 3 quotes from companies. Commissioner Flade asked Mr. Horton, What are you requesting from the Board? Mr. Hortons respond, to make the park safe for children to enjoy. Ron also brought up when the police do get called, they will do a drive by and not get out of the car. Director McCarthy explained that there is more to just getting out of the car, they are doing more then we know.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Interim Director McCarthy explained to the Park Board that the Village does meet after the 4th of July event, to re-cap the days events. Director McCarthy would like to see a copy of the Rules and Regulations for the parade. Director McCarthy would like to see a committee formed to plan next years 4th of Julys event. Commissioner Wolf commented that she would like to have some type of meeting to go over everything that happened on the 4th, what we could improve on, what could be changed. Chairman Weber had the 2017 re-cap notes. Chairman Weber asked why the

Village hasn't put up the digital sign that Shawn Roby had discussed with the Board before he left. Director McCarthy informed the Board that Digital Signs are against the Village sign codes. Chairman Weber asked Director McCarthy if there is such a code, then why does Culvers, Antioch Fine Wine and Anastasia's have digital signs? Why can't the Village sign a waiver a sign that would go up in front of the Village Hall. Director McCarthy will speak to Mike Garrigan regarding the sign.

b) Chairman Weber then asked Director McCarthy since we lost the 2 employees for the Parks Department, will they be hiring new employees to take care of the Parks. Director McCarthy explained to the Board that the Village will hire part time seasonal employee to only work in the parks. Discussion was had regarding the 3 employee's positions that were eliminated. Director McCarthy she could not discuss it in an open meeting. Commissioner Rosenthal asked the Director who will be taking care of the parks now. Director McCarthy explained Sherry at Public Works is currently assigning jobs to public work maintenance crew. Mary Quilty explained to the Board Randy and Dennis's job was mainly to work on the ball fields and bring them back to way they were supposed to be. Director McCarthy explained that there is more work in the concession stands and huts that need work. They determined what parks need the most work before next season. Director McCarthy explained to the Board the Village budgeting and how it works for governmental funding, she explained that the money will be in the budget for the parks. Commissioner Rosenthal inquired about a park check list, Chairman Weber asked for a copy of it. Commissioner Flade asked if Public Works is now sending their men to do the parks, isn't Public Works short on men to do other jobs. Chairman Weber inquired about the hiring of the new Parks Director. Chairman asked if the job has been posted. Director McCarthy informed the Board that HR receives all inquiries and will be setting up interviews. Chairman Weber asked if the Board could be a part of that process. The Board wants to know what the new person is all about and their goals for the village. Director explained that only 2 Board members would be allowed in the process of interviews otherwise it would be a violation of the open meetings act. Last item Chairman Weber asked was what will be done at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex, what is the responsibility for the Village and Township. Chairman Weber explained that there is a huge hill that still needs to be removed and fix the parking situation. There is an intergovernmental agreement between the two. Director McCarthy will be meeting with Jim Keim and Antioch Township Supervisor Tom Shaughnessy to see who is responsible for Tim Osmond Sports Complex. Joy will send the Capital Plan to all the Park Board members. Commissioner Rosenthal asked if we could hire an outside organization to cut the grass, Director McCarthy said the Village already has hired a company to take care of the grass in the parks. Chairmen Weber thanked Director McCarthy for the weekly report on the activities that are going on in the Village. Commissioner Rentner commented the scoreboards at TOSC, the cages should be built in the building. Joy told the Board that she received an invoice of \$7000.00 to install the scoreboards. Not the \$1200.00 we were told. Director McCarthy expressed her feelings that if you are going to spend \$100,000.00 on equipment, you should have a plan on where they are going to be set up, and how they are going to be secured before they were installed.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Naming the Mini Park: The Garden Club has no interest in naming the Park. They would only like bigger signs. Commissioner Johnson expressed that if the signs are bigger it will take away from what they have done at the park. Director McCarthy told the Board if they want bigger signs then we should give them. Toni explained that the sign the Trail Marker tree has is so much bigger than theirs. Director McCarthy said that the Tree Mailer sign is coming down.

2. 4th of July: Joy asked the Park Board to email her a list of items that need to be discussed for next year's 4th of July. Once she has everyone's ideas, Director McCarthy will send a compiled list to all Park Board members.

3. Focus Group for the 4th of July. Director McCarthy told the Board that this started with a conversation with Toni. Toni told the Board we hear so many comments from people regarding the activities for the day. Toni suggested a focus group, compiled of different residents, sharing ideas. Director McCarthy also told the Board that Trustee Poulos would really like to see the Softball, Volleyball, Baggo and Basketball tournaments back to the 4th of July activities. Chairmen Weber would like to see more vendors should be selling at Williams Park. Director McCarthy told the Board she would like to see if AYLL would like to be in charge of the Softball tournament.

i. Upcoming Events:

Toni pasted out flyers and Events for the Volunteer program that she and Commissioner Flade put together. She explained the concept of the program. She asked the Commissioners to please read the pamphlets and give her suggestions on what to change or keep. Commissioner Rosenthal suggested if they worked so many events they would get free tickets.

Toni also gave each Commissioner the new flyer she created with the new tag line for the Wine Walks. Sip – Shop and Explore Antioch. The Farmers Market is coming to a close, the vendors are really enjoying being on Skidmore rather than the parking lot. It was explained to them that during the summer months we have the It's Thursday Concerts going on, so it was decided between all the vendors to change the time, instead of 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm they would start 1 hour earlier and end 1 hour earlier. So the new hours would be 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, this way they are out by 6:30 pm when the food vendors are coming in. This will be a win, win situation, it frees up the parking lot. Toni also past out the Farmers Market flyer that is handed out at the Farmers Market. This pamphlet has all the vendors names, and the concerts that take place during the summer months.

c) Program Supervisor Report:

1. Camp Crayon Update: Program Director Quilty: 2018-2019 Camp Crayon is going strong,
2. New Programs: Due to the schools not allowing outside sports to be played inside, Mary has to reevaluate the programs that we can offer during the winter months. Mary has spoken to Hot Shot Sports has been contacted regarding the sports programs that will be offered. Mary asked all the Board members to tell people they speak with, it is a District 34 rule that prohibits us from having these sports indoors any longer. Chairman Weber asked Mary what happened to the Basketball program. Jim asked what happened to the Sunday afternoon basketball, Mary explained that AYBO has taken over the basketball program. Mary also told the Board about a new class that we are offering, the

woodworking class. Mary asked the Board if they know anyone that would like to teach classes whether it's a one-day class or 6-week class, Mary would like to talk to them.

3. Go Lake County next event will be on Saturday, September 29th at Independence Grove in Libertyville at 9:00 am. This is a County Wide event. This is a 30-minute walk. Commissioner Flade asked if this is the last Go Antioch Walk. She had heard that it was over. Mary explained that the Go Lake County Walk will be the last walk. Mary told the board that the Brochure went to the printer yesterday and should be mailed out the first week of October.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending August 31, 2018 were reviewed. Director McCarthy explained to the Board that the Parks Department is well under budget. Director explained the budget again to the Board. Commissioner Rosenthal is concerned about the money that is to be spent for the parks, he would like to see the plan that is in place for the parks. Director McCarthy will be emailing the plan to the Board. Commissioner Wolf asked the Director is there any chance that the Board and meet and prioritize the plan for repairs, Commissioner Wolf also commented how bad the bees are, Director McCarthy told the Board that they will contact A-Action to take care of the bees at Williams Park. Director told the Board that she got 4 quotes to wax the slide at the pool. Director McCarthy also told the Board that Bob Rentner will be repairing the heater. Commissioner Rosenthal asked Director if there was a chance to fix one of the ballfields. Director McCarthy told the Board that Williams field will have the clay work first then drain work done first. TDM people will be doing the work. Then the concession stand. Tim Osmond park is still working on the flood zone, we budgeted \$250,000 for this project, but no plan has been made on how to fix it yet. It has something to do with Army the Corp of Engineering, but they are stuck right now, finding a solution. Commissioner Rentner asked Director McCarthy if it is possible to have someone go out to Pederson Park to check out how that is going. Director McCarthy told the Board that North Bridge Church will be out at Pederson on September 29th to do more work. Director McCarthy asked the Board "What else needs to be done at Pederson" Director McCarthy will forward all suggestions to Sherry Hoban at Public Works. Commissioner would like to see the path trimmed, get a outside company to spray for bees. Commissioner Rosenthal asked again if there is a company that could come out and winterize the parks. Commissioner Flade suggested painting the tables under the pavilion in Centennial Park. Director McCarthy told the Board about the school in Trevor that needs to do a community project. Mary told the Board that they will be doing the Saw Mill park, weeding, and painting, Chairman Weber asked Mary if they contacted Public Works to make sure they take out the feeds. The Parks Department will be installing a new time clock, and a new gym floor. It was brought up the concession stand at Williams Park; Director Joy believes it should be taken down. When Dennis Heimbrodt goes there he will decide what should be done. Director Weber asked if there will be a Ice Rink this year. Director McCarthy explained how the liner and rink was destroyed so it will not be put up again.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2018, Chairman Weber will not be attending this meeting, park walk through will be at Parks Gym.

Other Business:

Commissioner Tarkowski is trying to understand who decided to make all the changes, Director McCarthy explained that Jim Keim made the decision. Robbie had a good idea but would never be able to pull off everything that he wanted to do, not in the time he was trying to do. Director McCarthy explained all the items that should have been taking care of the park items that needed to be done first. Commissioner Rentner asked if they people that cut the grass couldn't they get off their machines to do some weeding. Director McCarthy tried to explain again the policies that were set in place by the State Policies and State Status, how invoicing projects should be financed. Commissioner Tarkowski told Director McCarthy about a Master Plan, Director told Commissioner Tarkowski that Shawn Roby created the 5 year and 10-year park plans, and yes they are using this plan still.

Chairman Weber wish Commissioner a Happy Birthday.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Wolf moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosenthal to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:10 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary