

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Gina Wolf called the January 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 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, Hettich, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson, Flade. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent, Chairman Jim Weber.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Rentner moved, seconded by Member Flade to approve the December 12, 2018 Minutes Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 5: Rentner, Hettich, Rosenthal, Johnson, and Flade.

No: 0.

Absent: Chairman Weber

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Acting Chairman Wolf reported that Chairman Weber wanted to thank Lauren for the weekly update but would like to also receive a punch list on the progress for the parks that are being worked on. Jim would also like to know the update on the installation of the camera's in the parks. Lauren questioned the punch list, she wants Jim to explain what more he needs that the update isn't already telling them. What is his vision of a punch list? As for the camera installation, Lauren told the Board it looks like they will start installing them January 28th. Gina asked about the Sharefest meeting which will be on Thursday, January 17, 2019. She asked Lauren if Northbridge Church has any idea's what they are looking to do. Lauren told the Board that at this point they have no set plans.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. North Pole Express Results

- a. Lauren sent everyone on the Board a link to the Monkey Survey so they can see the results from the NPE. Lauren told the Board that they have received a 48% return rate on the survey, which is very positive. One of the items people would like to see possibly changed is pizza instead of hotdogs.

ii. Weekly Update Form

- a. Lauren went over the January 11, 2019 update she sent out with the Board. Lauren asked the Board that if anyone see's or hears anything about their park, to please inform her immediately so she can get it on the list of things to do.

iii. Multigenerational Play Spaces

- a. Lauren is very passionate about this project. Multigenerational Play Spaces in our parks would change how people use our parks. The decision on which parks at first should get the equipment will need to be discussed in detail later. Bill asked Lauren, will equipment be put in existed parks or will we need new parks. Lauren told the Board that Michael Garrigan from Community Development will need to be involved. Bill asked if the Bittner property will be considered? Lori told Lauren she lives on North Avenue, there is no easy way for kids to walk to that property. Jeff suggested putting a few pieces at first in designated parks to see if the residents would like and use it. Gina told the Board that the Bitner property backs up to The Arbors, this subdivision didn't like that fact that the Village was considering having the Antioch Aqua Center at one time, they may like the fact that it might just be a park, so a path could be made through their subdivision for people to get to this park. Lori asked Lauren she heard that there was to be a controlled burn at this property, does she know when this will happen? Lauren will be looking into this and reporting back to the Board when she finds out.

iv. Parks Brochure Timeline.

- a. Lauren went over the timeline for the Spring and Summer Brochure with the Park Board. The preliminary contest will need to be at Impressions count by January 19th. All the edits and revisions will probably go on until February 11th. Lauren should see the final copy by February 28th before it goes to print. Mailing of the brochures should be the second week of March. We have started an online contest for the residents of Antioch to send photos from events that are held in Antioch. The winner will have their photo on the cover of the brochure, and runner ups will have their photos throughout the program guide.

i. Upcoming Events:

- a. Toni went over all the upcoming events for the next three months. The Winter Wine Walk is on Saturday, January 19th, volunteers are needed, Bill, Gina, Cedric offered to help. The February 2nd Daddy Daughter Date Night is a Luau this year, Help is needed for the set up 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and for the dance 4:30 to about 8:00 pm to help with the kids that are volunteering. Toni informed the Board that the Mother Son Bowling is back on Sunday, March 3rd. We have 2 different seating they can choose from 11:30 am or 1:30 pm. Lori offered to help.

c) Program Supervisor Report:

- i. Camp Crayon will have their open house on January 24th. The program will be changing from a 3 day a week program to a 5 day a week for the 4-year-old program only. Priority registration starts on Monday, January 28th, followed by the resident registration on Monday, February 11th then finally the open registration for everyone else on Monday, March 4th. Mary asked the Board that if any of them hear anyone talking about the change, good or bad to please contact her immediately.
- ii. Day Camp. Mary is in search of two new Camp Directors. At this point she has three applications for the Directors position. She will start accepting applications for returning counselors until January 31st.
- iii. Mary spoke briefly about the possible raise in fees for the campers, she is allowed to increase it 3% per year. But if they have to increase the counselor hour wage then the daily camp fees will have to go up, right now counselors make \$8.75 per hour, Jeff asked if seasonal help is exempt from this pay raise?

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2018, were reviewed.

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Other Business:

Bill asked Lauren if there is anyway, we could put a few bench around the walking path in Pedersen Park? Lauren told the Board that we could try to get sponsors for the benches. Paul told Lauren that in Lake County all their benches are sponsored. Lauren plans on looking into becoming a 501C so we can receive grant money to do more things in our parks.

Jeff ask Lauren if she plans on rehiring the two park guys that Joy let go, so the parks can be maintained again. Lauren told the Board that she has had conversations with Dennis in Public Works about having dedicated men for these parks, they will need to get certified, and be ready to start in the parks when they open in the spring.

Gina asked about the concession stand in Williams Park, who runs it, Gina wants to talk to the Board regarding this. Lauren informed the Board that the plan for the pool is to hire two full time seasonal managers to cover all the shifts. The pool will be changing its hours, 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm, this way the pool parties can start at 7:30 and go until 9:30 pm, the pool can be cleaned, and the staff will be able to leave by 10:00 pm. Also, Mom and Tot time will be back for Pass Holders.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:36 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary