

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the March 20, 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, Johnson, Flade, Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. Absent, Rosenthal.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Rentner to approve the February 20, 2019. Minutes Upon roll call, the vote was:

**Yes: 5:** Rentner, Hettich, Wolf, Johnson, Flade.

**No: 0.**

**Absent:** Rosenthal

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

Village Administrator Jim Keim came before the Park Board to speak about Osmond Park and the walking trail. Mr. Keim told the Board that the Village hired an engineer to fix the flood problems that exist in Osmond Park, but due to the Army Core of Engineering, they have run into some problems. The area of the walking path is in the Wetlands, a Flood Way.

Mr. Keim has the repairs in the budget this year and will put the repairs in the budget for next year. But he reminded the Board that the money is also in competition with the Police Department for new squad cars, the Public Works for new Plows. There are just a few options that they can take to fix the flooding problems. Move the path, build a bridge, or elevate the path. Mr. Keim stated the bridge is the least favorite option, since the bridge would only be a foot tall and how would it be maintained? Moving the path to Valley View would not be a good option either Mr. Keim stated. Elevating the path would require bring in dirt, creating a Brum, Paul Hettich suggested wooden planks, he explained that all the parks in Lake County Forest Preserve have the wooden planks, they seem to hold up well under water. The County never clears them during the winter months. Paul reminded Mr. Keim that Des Plaines walking paths had the same problem that Antioch had. Mr. Keim told the Board that they have not abandon any ideas. Mr. Keim is surprised at the report he received, all the Do's and Don'ts. Gina told Mr. Keim she appreciates that he is staying on top of this problem. Mr. Keim will be bringing in a different consultant for additional ideas. Lori Flade questioned Mr. Keim is the path in Osmond Park the

only way for students to get to school? Mr. Keim told the Board that there are other ways, this path is not the only way to school.

## **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Weber reported to Lauren that an infant swing chair is missing at Pedersen Park. Jim noticed that the chain is wrapped around the top portion of the swing set. Jim did notice there were some other minor issues at the park, he will email the list to Lauren on Friday. Jim also told Lauren that wood chips are needed on the west side of Pedersen Park, Jim figures about 3 inches if wood chips would be enough.

Jim also told Lauren that he believes a camera is needed in Pedersen Park to prevent people from dumping their garbage in the dumpster there. Something needs to be done, Jim reminded the Board that there is electric near the park that we can install a camera too. Mary questioned Jim, who would be watching the camera to see who is dumping?

## **7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **i. Fiscal 2020**

Lauren will be presenting the budget to the Committee of a Whole next week, there isn't anything that's stands out. The larger expenses included the guard shack, and the Camp Crayon door. Lauren told the Board that she believes if she stays on track with this budget that by next year, she should be able to cut \$30,000.00 from the Parks budget. Lauren did remind the Board that the budget does not include the Dolly Spiering Fund.

### **ii. Sharefest**

Lauren explained to the Board that the Class Room she spoke about at the last Park Board meeting in February will need to be built somewhere other than Osmond Park due to the flooding in the park. Lauren has suggested the Saw Mill to North Bridge Church for their Sharefest project. She believes it's a better fit for what she has in mind. Because of the limited space the platform would be eliminated, but everything else would fit perfect in the space that she will be proposing. Jim Weber asked Lauren if the Village will be replacing the wooden plaques throughout the park, maybe replacing them with bricks. Lauren also told the Board that Jensen Park is on the list for the Sharefest. They plan on taking out one basketball court and adding a few new games in place of the court. These games are geared toward the 3 – 15-year old age group. Picnic tables will be painted with games on them as well. The Tennis courts will be restriped, and Pickle Ball lines will be painted.

Williams Park will have the storage sheds brought up to code and painted to match the back board behind home plate.

### **iii. Easter Parade / Event**

Laruen requested that each of the Park Board Members stop by the table before they leave and sign up for either the Flashlight Egg Hunt, Easter Parade, and or Egg Hunt.

**iv. Individual Check List**

Lauren asked each of the Park Board Members to please check your parks and fill out the Inspection Checklist, once completed to please email her the results.

**v. Project Status Update**

No changes in the Project Status Update sheet, the next list will have more on it due to the Spring Clean Up.

**vi. Upcoming Events**

Toni explained to the Park Board the upcoming events. She told the Board that the Mother Son Bowling was back and was a huge success, the Mother Daughter Bingo tickets are on sale, and that the noon seating is already sold out, the 2:30 and 5:00 pm are half way full. Toni updated the Board that the Summer Wine Walk tickets are now on sale now on April 25<sup>th</sup> instead of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Toni told the Board that she is bringing back the Bicycle and Golf Carts back to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade along with the Pets. We need to get different types of entries in this year's parade.

Toni explained that she is trying to bring back the Softball and Volleyball Tournaments to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Toni spoke with Ted Poulos regarding the rules and how to run the tournaments. Ted suggested speaking to the Sandlot and KC's Cabin to get referees. Ted also suggested new fun rules, but the Board suggest that only the basic rules should be played. Toni asked each of the Park Board members to please share the events on their Facebook pages. At this point there has only been one person asking for information.

Toni reminded the Board that she needs adult volunteers for the Flashlight Egg Hunt.

**c) Program Supervisor Report:**

**i. Camp Crayon Registration**

Mary was excited to report that Camp Crayon for next year is full for the 3 & 4-year-old morning programs and the 4-year-old afternoon program has 14 kids signed up.

**ii. Day Camp**

Mary will start interviews for the day camp counselors' position on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. She has 28 kids already interested in this program. The interview will continue through Easter weekend, with orientation to be on May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mary will be hiring 15 – 20 new counselors. Camp will begin the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**iii. Bike Resale**

Mary will be on vacation during the Bike Resale so she has Megan Bering, one of our Camp Counselor Directors to run it. Mary requested that each of the Board

Members take a sign with them home tonight and place them in their entrance of their subdivision, or front yard, if they are not in a subdivision. Mary requested that after the Bike Sale, April 13<sup>th</sup> that they take them door and return them at the next Board Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**iv. Program Guide**

The Spring and Summer Program guide will be delivered to the post office this week and should be delivered to our residents next week sometime.

**v. Go Lake County**

Mary attended a meeting last week regarding Go Lake County. There are 24 communities involved with this program. Antioch's Events are the following, Go Stroller Roller will be on Wednesdays, Go Swim for 9 – 14-year olds, will be a 30-minute walk then they will be able to swim free. On August 8<sup>th</sup> before the It's Thursday Concert there will be a 30-minute walk then everyone will meet back at the bandshell to watch the concert. Mary told the Board there is no more Saturday morning walks, unless Cedric and Paul wanted to do it on their own. Cedric asked Mary if it can be moved to 9:00 am instead of 8:00 am. Jim Weber asked Mary if there could be a Bike Ride day, like Lake Geneva does.

**d) Financial Reports:**

Financial Reports for the period ending February 28, 2019 were reviewed.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019,

**Other Business:** Gina inquired when will the Park Walk Throughs start? April or May. Lauren suggested April at the Saw Mill. The Board will make the list at the next Board Meeting for the rest of the summer. Gina also asked if the Sharefest can paint the tables at the Saw Mill, they looked a mess. Jim also suggested that we open the Saw Mill for tours, we could hire someone to be there to answer questions regarding it, maybe an historian type person. Lori Flade told Lauren that the grill at Centennial Park has a big hole in it, and the sand box is flooded again.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade, seconded by Member Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:00 pm

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary