

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Park Walk – Centennial Park at 6:15 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the May 15, 2019 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7.00 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Rentner, Wolf, Rosenthal, Flade, Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick, Commissioner Johnson arrived at 7:02 pm, Absent, Recording Secretary Toni Galster, Commissioner Hettich, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Rentner moved, seconded by Member Flade to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 5: Rentner, Wolf, Rosenthal Johnson, Flade.

No: 0.

Absent: Hettich

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Malsch, Bittner property looks nice with the buildings down. Jim commented that it would look nice with a gazebo on it.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Weber welcomed Trustee Dan Yost to the Parks Board meeting, he is our new liaison for the Board. Jim brought up the Osmond Bros Park, with all the flood water, and the fact that nothing is being done about it, Jim would like if we could just do something, a bridge, gravel, anything. Jim did mention that the Army Corp of Engineering would have to approve it first. Jim Keim is currently working on it. What ever is done, Public Works will have to be able to plow it in the winter, no temporary fixes will be approved. This project is on the 2020 budget. Lauren told the Board that they can submit proposals together of what could be done. Dan told the Board that there is a quick fix that they could do, they would not have to get the Army Corp involved would be to set 4 x 4's on top of the black top and make a wooden bridge, it's not a permanent structure, they could take it down in the winter to plow, the water will flow through it, the forest preserve does this. Jim did mention that it would be pricey if composite wood is used. Gina asked if it must come down in the winter? Why not leave it up? Dan said it would be in 2

sections. Right off Hillside 75 feet and Tiffany 75 feet. Make it like a pier. We should get someone from Public Works to snow blow the path, one pass through each time it snows. It would save a lot of money and time. Dan explained the dimensions of the bridge, and how it would sit on top of the black top. It will be handicap accessible, ADA Compliant. Jim Weber was concerned about how high the bridge would have to be, depending on how deep the water is. Dan said we would build a ramp on both ends. Lauren requested that each of the commissioners come up with some ideas of what they would like to see happen with the path. Lauren will bring it to the Village Board meeting. Dan suggested calling Haines Associates to go out and look at it and come up with a proposal / solution of cost and time to make this bridge. Haines is a professional company. Lauren questioned the Board if they have ever brought this problem to the Board in the past? She did mention that if this is very important to the residents of Antioch then the entire Park Board will need to be present when she approaches the Village Board. Lauren would like to keep this informal for now. But she did ask the Board to put together their ideas for the next Board Meeting.

Jim asked Lauren if the swing was replaced at Pederson Park, Lauren said yes it was. Jim also asked if the mulch was brought to the park, Lauren told him that the mulch is there, she wasn't sure if it was spread yet. Bill asked Lauren about the benches for the park, Lauren investigated the cost of the benches, she would like to see if any of the organization would like to sponsor them. Jim said he would like to see families being able to purchase them and have their names put on them. Jim also mentioned that on the point of the peninsula would be a great place for the Eagle Scouts to clear and put picnic tables there, we could call it Eagle Point.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lauren welcomed Dan,

i. Sharefest Debrief

- a. The outdoor classroom at the Sawmill looks amazing, it looks like it belongs there, so far, no problems. Jensen Park looks beautiful, they do need to repaint a few things, the paint is chipping on a couple of the playground equipment. The peaceful playground looks fantastic. Lauren is very happy with everything, The tennis courts are ready to be repaired, it just needs 3 days in a row of no rain before they can start working on the tennis courts. The ball stops and announcer shed have been painted at Williams Park.

ii. Easter Event Debrief

The Easter Event went very well, Lauren would like to present ideas for next year. She would like to change the parade to an Easter Walk instead of a parade, instead of closing the road. Lauren really likes the idea of everyone following the Easter Bunny all the way to Williams Park. The Egg Hunt should be for 8 and under, and only one area in the pavilion, Jim would like to see the 3 years old and under, use the new pavilion. They could take their time. The older pavilion would be for the 4 – 8-year olds. Jim would also like to see No Straw for the 3-year olds. Lori, felt that there were too many adults in the egg hunt area, only people with wristbands. Lauren expressed that she would like to see the middle parking lot to have bouncy houses, a tent with the bunny to take pictures. Lori told the Board about another town that has a scavenger hunt style hunt, give them a list of the

colored eggs that they would need to find. Lauren would like to see the Flashlight age to change to 9 – 14 year old, middle school.

iii. Parks Workday 5/17/2019

FYI, Lauren is having a Parks cleaning up day at the Parks building, if anyone is interested in helping, come in work clothing and be prepared to help clean up the front yard of the Parks Building. The awning over the door will be coming soon. Lauren asked if anyone knows about sandblasting or cleaning the railing.

iv. Tim Osmond Sports Complex Update

Included the invoice in the packet, May 22nd, \$1243.00 total that we will be splitting with the Township. Dan questioned the invoice and what it was for, Lauren explained what happened with the play structure and what is being replaced.

- v. **Aqua Center Soft Opening** on Friday, May 24th. All Village Employee and Board members along with their families are welcomed to come 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Everything is going well, staff is ready to go, 4 managers and 1 assistant, 2 managers are now certified instructors to in house train our lifeguards.

vi. Project Status Update

Lauren sent the list to everyone, the doggie waste station at the Saw Mill will be installed soon. Jim asked if the water pump will be installed again at the Saw Mill.

vii. Upcoming Events

None were discussed.

c) Program Supervisor Report:

i. Camp Crayon Update

All the camps are full, they are ready for the fall. Camp Crayon graduations will be Thursday and Friday of next week.

ii. Day Camp

All staff has been hired and field trips are all planned. Registration is still coming in.

iii. Bike Resale

Collected \$561.00 the money goes back into programs, Jim said we really need to have a sign stating where all the money goes.

d) Financial Reports: New fiscal year started May 1, 2019

Financial Reports for the period ending April 30, 2019 were reviewed. Not that is standing out on this report.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2019,

Other Business:

Gina, Next meeting go over suggested ideas for the 4th of July parade. Also suggested where a BIG sign stating where vehicles come in only, and to drop off people, and NO ENTRY. Jim said we need the gates at 173 open. Rules from 2017 Jim will email to Lauren. Gina has a long list of problems at the concessions, the cabinets are all rotten and should be torn down. The exterior needs painting and the floor drains are backing up still, Lauren is working on it. Gina mentioned the problem with the skate park, Lauren said she could talk about what went down, what was in the paper and media. We were not briefed on what happened. What she does understand, that there was a dad and his son, and a vehicle coming through the parking lot to fast, words were exchanged, the car left, and then returned with more people and a bat. There is a video and they are still investigating the crime. The images on the camera where not very good, Bill wanted to know what we paid for these cameras. Bill said that by the time he got it on his phone, maybe the police got a better picture. Dan asked if the cameras are in good placement, or should they be moved. Cedric will not be at the meeting on June 19th. Cedric also asked if a volleyball net could be installed in Trevor Creek for now, and maybe next year the sand. Lauren will look into a volleyball nets, the problem with the sand courts is the bees. Cedric asked about the rubber type of courts. Lori brought up the pageant, it will be on Saturday June 15, 2019 she wasn't sure how much help Toni has, but admissions would probably be an area that help is needed. Lori also asked what is happening with the Bittner probably. Lauren told the Board said there is no plans as of yet. Jim told the board it has to be a park because they borrowed against the Parks Department, Cedric asked if the Wine Walk is sold out yet? Gina questioned why the numbers so low. We used to sell out. When did we stop sell out? Lauren explained there are so many different communities do them. Should we cut back to two wine walks instead of 3.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:11 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary