

**Village of Antioch**  
**Park Commission Meeting**  
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois  
**7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2019**  
Jensen Park Walk Cancelled due to the weather

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the July 17, 2019 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7.01 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Rentner, Hettich, Wolf, Johnson, Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick. Absent Commissioners Rosenthal, Flade and Mary Quilty

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Hettich to approve the June 19, 2019 minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

**Yes: 4:** Rentner, Hettich, Wolf, Johnson.

**No: 0.**

**Absent:** Rosenthal, Flade

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Weber thanked everyone that helped on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with the parade, he felt that it went very smooth this year. Paul Hettich also commented that it seemed to be in complete control this year. Jim had heard that the lot on McMillen Road was locked, but not before he had sent many people there to park. Jim would like to see us get a key for the lock next year or arrange to have it unlocked before the parade. Cedric would like to see if next year we could offer a bus for parade participants. They could park in town and be bussed to the High School. Jim asked Lauren how the pool going so far and if there are any updates with Osmond Park and the walking path. Jim also commented he was worried about our Its Thursday Concert on Thursday, with the weather being so hot, Toni explained to him that its Taste of Summer week and Barbara from the Chamber has it under control.

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

### **i. Mid-Summer Aquatic Center Review**

Lauren told the Park Board that the pool is doing well this year, we are still selling season passes, and the concession stand is going great. Lauren plan on re-visiting the contract with Waves next year. The Aqua Center should be selling the food and the Waves should only be selling the pre-package food and drink. Instead the Waves sell all concession items, under our food license. The pool is still hiring, we lost two of our managers just this month, due to a 35-day vacation. Jim asked Lauren how the Life Vest situation is going? Lauren told the Park Board that we do not charge for the use of the vests, residents must give a driver license in order to get a vest. Jim also asked if there are any issues still with bathing suits? Lauren explained she has not heard or any issues, though she has heard that a few young men have been told that basketball shorts are not considered swim attire.

Lauren explained to the Park Board that the pool closed at 6:00 pm on Monday due to diarrhea in the vortex so the Monday remained closed on Tuesday and reopened for swim lessons on Wednesday. Lauren is looking into if the pool can be shocked more often, so this won't happen again in the future. The number of people using the pool, people with suntan lotion and blocker, the pool could use shocker on a regular basis. Jim asked Lauren after the pool gets shocked, how long does it take before anyone can go swimming? Lauren told the Park Board it can take up to 13 plus hours before the pool can safely before entered again. Lauren would like to see it done on a Bi-Weekly basis. Jim told Lauren that he would like to see the pool be shocked after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, this year was very busy. You could not see the bottom of the pool let alone the black lines on the bottom of the pool.

Paul told the Park Board that the Aqua Center has improved from last year, but there seems to be a lot of kids running on the deck this year. Guards are doing a great job watching the kids in the water, so there is really no one watching the kids on the deck, it has gotten out of control. Paul also mentioned that in the men's locker room there is a door to the chemical room that is unlocked and opened. He is afraid someone could get into this room and we could have problems. Paul also noticed that locker #69 is broken, the baseboard in the shower is coming off. Paul noticed that our guards in the diving area do a lot of talking to each other while on duty, it sounds like that talk about other guards. Clothing at the pool has gotten better, unfortunately there is one lady in a red thong that seems to follow the rules, and our guards do not say anything to her. One last thing, a suggestion the age should be posted on our signs and the Lap Swimming should be posted on the signs

### **ii. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Debrief**

This was Laurens first 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Lauren felt that it was very smooth, Toni and the Park Board members did a great job on the line up. Lauren told the Park Board that she has not heard of any problems from the Antioch Police Department regarding any problems during the parade. Paul said he noticed that he saw more people handing out candy this year. The parade ended smoothly with no hiccups. Jim noticed that Williams Park wasn't as crowded as it has been in the past. He noticed

that games were going great, but he still would like to see a softball tournament going on at the park. Jim and Paul would also like to see more food vendors. It was brought up that may-be we don't do the activities after the parade anymore. We need more No Smoking Signs in the park and a smoking designated area for smokers.

The weather the last few years has been a major factor in how many people attend Williams Park after the parade. Sitting out for hours before the parade, people with small kids take them home after the parade so they can nap before the fireworks. Also, many people have family and friends' obligations to go to. So, do we bring local bands to the festival? May-be only one band instead of three? Cedric noticed that at AES people were saving many parking spaces with the cars for family and friends that were joining them later. Lauren asked the Board if they have any ideas on how to stop this in the future? Jim would like to see the more police presents at the beginning of the parade for guidance, Lauren explained that our Antioch Police are at the State Bank Freedom Run, they are working their way down to the parade at 10:15 am.

**iii. Winter Wine Walk Event Replacement**

Lauren explained that there will be no Winter Wine Walk in 2020, but we will still have the Summer and Fall Wine Walks.

**iv. Fall Program Guide**

The Fall & Winter Program guide is at the printer right now. Lauren as asked to write the introduction in the beginning of the guide.

**v. Project Status Update**

Lauren went over the project status report with the commissioners, explaining the completed projects such as the Bitner property demo is complete, The new play structure panel at Pederson Park is being worked on, The strap on the Adaptive Swing that is broken at Trevor Creek, the Public Works is currently searching for an compatible part. The basketball net at North Park and Sprenger Park have been replaced. Four swings and chains at Centennial Park have also been replaced. Lauren mentioned that the Viking Football at Tim Osmond Sports Complex will be operating the same as they have in the past. She will be reviewing the Intergovernmental Agreement in the future.

**vi. Upcoming Events**

Toni explained all upcoming events through August, Explaining the re-scheduling of One of the Boyzz to August 29<sup>th</sup>. Toni also explained why the Winter Wine Walk is being cancelled, and the new event. "Adult Night Out" event that is planned for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with Christopher Carter a Mindreader, Illusionist and Freakout Artist. Toni explain the appetizers, drinks, dinner and show and price. Toni also told the Board that she will be requesting everyone that purchasing a ticket to bring with them the night of the event, one bottle of booze or wine, we will have a wheel barrel

that we will place all the bottle, one lucky winner will take home with them the wheel barrel filled with booze and wine that night. Lauren added that she has hired Lori Flade as Toni's assistant in the special events. Jim Keim has no problem with her serving on the Board and being a seasonal employee.

**c) Program Supervisor Report:**

**i. Camp Crayon Update**

Lauren explained that Camp Crayon is just about full, the only class that has openings is the afternoon 4-year-old program. Only 5 kids more to make it full.

**ii. Summer Day Camp**

Lauren told the Board that Summer Day Camp numbers have increased each week this year except for Kiddie Kamp and Teen Traveler.

**iii. Go Antioch**

The Go Walk at the Forest Preserve had low attendance, only 3 moms and their kids showed up, the weather was overcast when they started and started raining at the end of the walk. The next event is Go Walk and Swim Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with 38 people signed up for it.

The Walk and Dance event is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. Walkers will start walking at 6:30 pm and end at the Concert at William E. Brook Entertainment Center to watch Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band at 7:30 pm.

The Go Lake County is scheduled for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Independence Grove starting at 9:00 am.

**d) Financial Reports:**

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

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019,

**Other Business:**

Paul had a couple of items, first, he will not be at the Custom and Classic Car Show due to work, Paul comment how great the Concerts have been this summer, He commented Nice job Toni. He was in the Wetlands and noticed that there are a fee planks and rails that need fixing, a large tree has overgrown over the pathway and needs trimming. There is a lot of garbage in the Wetlands. There were a few signs missing, and a few are hidden behind bushes that need trimming and maintenance. Paul concluded that he would like to see the Board Walk continue, it just stops at the end and you need to turn around and go back, Paul would like to see it continue to somewhere.

Gina commented on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, how smooth it went this year, and how the signs to direct people really helped a lot.

There being no further discussion, Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Rentner to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:02 pm

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary