

Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Jensen Park Walk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the August 21, 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, Hettich, Johnson, Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick. Absent Commissioners Wolf, arriving late at 7:04 pm Rosenthal,

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Johnson to approve the July 17, 2019 minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

No: 0.

Absent: Wolf

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Weber asked if more mulch could be laid down at Pederson Park, it was get a little thin on the trail.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. Awesome Parent Letter

Lauren told the Board about the awesome letter that Mary received from a very happy parent of one of the Summer Day Campers. The parent expressed how wonderful the counselors in the Camp Sunshine and Camp Adventures camps were. This year for the first time, the camp had a child with Down Syndrome. The counselors were able to work with him one on one. A wonderful experience for the camper. Mary plans on training more counselors to be able to work with challenged campers in the future.

ii. Aqua Center – Back to School Hours

Lauren explained to the Board the new Aqua Center Hours, for the last 3 weeks in August the pool will only be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4 – 7 pm

and Saturday and Sunday from 12 – 6 pm and Labor Day 12 – 6 pm. We will close the pool for the season on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Lauren originally wanted the pool to be open only on weekends in September but was told by Bob Rentner that they didn't plan on having it open that long, and he really doesn't have the chemicals for the pool to keep it running for the month of September. Lauren will plan for the pool to be open on weekends in September next year.

iii. Harvest Fest

Lauren explained that she is changing the name of the Treat the Streets/Monster Mash Bash to Harvest Fest. Everything will remain the same, just a different name.

iv. Project Status Update

Lauren went over the project status report with the commissioners, explaining the completed projects such as the Parks Building driveways being seal coated. Lauren is working closely with Viking Football and Tim Osmond Sports Complex and Tom Shaughnessy. Lauren told the Board that the Parks Department had a pool table donated to us. Lauren has it set up at the Senior Center, its in a great condition, just needs a new felt top. Lauren told the Board to watch for the next Connections magazine, there will be a full spread on the Gage Brothers Park & Hiram Butterick Sawmill. The Village is planning a dedication to the key contributors of the building on the Sawmill soon. The Lions Club will be donating the plaque, right now they are deciding what should be on the plaque. Lauren explained that the Village has not gotten over to Centennial Park to install the new scoreboards yet, they will need to install power first. Jeff asked Lauren if there is any plans in the future for extending or increasing the parking at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex? He can see they are working at clearing the trees and scrubs, and its looking great, but parking is very tight on weekends, Jeff asked if they ever plan on taking down the hill that is on the High School side of the park, Jim Weber explained to him that the hill covers the dump that once was there, and they can not do anything with it, that is why its just a practice field. At one time the High School tried to put tennis courts on it, but the ground kept sinking so they removed them. Lauren told the Board that Tom Shaughnessy has a vision for the park, and he is working closely with the IGA to attain it. The Township has hired 2 people to maintain the fields. Lauren reminded the Board that the Township owns the park, and the Village only owns the property that the Hill/Dump is on. Lauren reminded the Board that the Fall/Winter Brochure should be in their mailbox's next week and she should have all the summer numbers from the Aqua Center for next month's Park Board meeting. Lauren told the Board that the Osmond Trail is moving forward, the Village has received the first permit to move forward. The Village only needs one more permit. Jeff asked if there is money in the budget for this project. Lauren told the Board that Jim Keim budgeted for this project, so Yes there is money for the project.

v. **Upcoming Events**

Toni explained the upcoming events for September. The Fall Wine Walk is on Saturday, September 28th and she is looking for Volunteers. The Newly Named Event Harvest / Treat the Streets and Monster Mash is set for October 19th. The Polar Express tickets will go on sale Thursday, October 17th at the Parks building starting at 6:00 pm. Jim asked what time he should be at the Bandshell for the Wine Walk, Toni told everyone that if they are planning on helping to be at the bandshell at 11:30 am.

c) **Program Supervisor Report:**

- i. **Camp Crayon Update** – Numbers are still looking great, we had a few drop, but there is always someone on the waitlist that has taken their place. The first time in years the afternoon class is filling up. Mary told the board that our head teacher Cathy Hackeloer for the 2.6 – 3.6-year-old Kiddie Kamp has stepped down and that she is interviewing teachers for this position. Classes will start on Monday, September 9th. The meet and greet for parents to come in and meet the teachers is set for the week of August 26th.
- ii. **Summer Day Camp**
Mary told the Board that she had an amazing year with Summer Day Camp. She hired an amazing group of young counselors. There were more male counselors this year. The campers loved them; the boys seem to relate better to a male counselor. We offered special needs counselors this year, Mary plans on training a few more counselors for next year to work one on one with special needs kids. Mary explained the attendance numbers sheet to the Board, how the numbers compared to last year hasn't really changed all that much.
- iii. **Go Antioch**
Mary spoke briefly about the GO ANTIOCH and how 38 youths signed up for the Go Swim, went over well but the Go Walk and Dance had 10 registered people, but the day of the event none of the registered people showed up, but someone from Salem Wisconsin came and Mary walked with her, talking about everything Antioch had to offer. Mary told the Board she is not sure why Antioch can't seem to make a go of the GO ANTIOCH; other communities are having these events and they are huge. Mary did remind the Board to save the date again for the Big Lake County Event on September 28th Go Lake County Walk at Independence Grove starting at 9:00 am.

d) **Financial Reports:**

Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2019 were reviewed. Not that is standing out on this report.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, 2019,

Other Business:

Paul told Mary it was a very nice letter. He also commented that the Concerts were really good this year, and complimented Toni on a good job done. Paul noticed that there were no police present at any of the concerts he and his family attended, Toni explained that the Fire Department was there most Thursdays. Paul noticed that the broken board that he reported last meeting still has not been fixed. When he walks back in the wetlands with his son, he has noticed not only the teens near the pond playing around in the wetlands, but also the homeless guy that hands out there. Paul asked Lauren why Antioch hasn't done anything about him, he explained in Lake County at the Forest Preserve they are kicked out immediately. Paul asked Lauren why are the lights under the Williams Park Pavilion always on? Paul noticed that the smoking in the parks is out of control, there is no signature anywhere. Jim confirmed what Paul was saying, he had noticed that there were no signs anywhere at Williams Park, the ones that use to be there are now gone. Paul ask Lauren that the Sawmill has so much potential why isn't it open to the public on weekends like it use to be. Lauren told the Board that there is so much cleaning inside of the Sawmill that needs to be done before they can allow the public inside, and we will need to find volunteers that are willing to give up their Saturday/Sundays to sit at the Sawmill and do tours of it. Lauren plans on exploring all the possibilities on this. Paul also commented that there are so many historical buildings in Antioch, he would love to see signs in front of them so when people walk past them, they are able to read the history of them. Toni explained to the Board that during the Anniversary year, Mike Garrigan had post made of most of the downtown buildings, it contained a picture from the past and now, and a brief history of it, Toni also commented she wasn't she what ever happened to those posters, we received so many great comments on them while they were up.

Lori asked Lauren if we could get signs made up that states, NO BIKES, NO SCOOTERS NO SMOKING, for the Farmers Market/Concert entrances. Lauren told her yes.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:39 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary