

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the October 16, 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, Rosenthal, Johnson, Flade and Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick, Park Board Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Program Supervisor Mary Quilty

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 September 18, 2019 minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 6: Rentner, Hettich, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson, Flade

No: 0.

Absent: 0

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim told the Board that the Glow Walk went well. 30 people had registered, but only 12 showed up. The property that they walked on was very wet, so it was hard to walk on. But it was a good time. Jim suggested doing it again but on higher, dryer ground. The ages that did show up were 4th grade and younger with their parents.

Jim also attended the Fall Wine Walk, the one thing he heard over and over again was the lack of a bag that used to be given to each wine walker. It was explained to the Board that it was a choice to not raise the cost of the ticket, instead take the bag out. Toni told the Board that the bags were costing up to \$3.95 apiece. Jeff asked if we could start charging the businesses to participate in the wine walk, if each business could pay \$75.00. Lauren told the Board that it has been discussed to charge every business to be in the wine walk, as of now, only businesses that have no liquor license pay \$25.00 for their license, bars and restaurants pay nothing. It was brought before the Board a recommendation to start charging each business to pay \$100.00 to participate in future wine walks. Commissioner Flade moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to invoice each business \$100.00 to participate in future Wine Walks. Upon roll call, the vote was: YES: 6: Rentner, Hettich, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson, and Flade.

Lori expressed her concerns regarding the ID situation she encountered at check in. She told the Board that it is the law that everyone must have an ID while in public drinking. Lori told that Board while on the Recue Squad she had come across a person that was very intoxicated and had no ID on them. This was not a good situation. Lauren told the Board that if the person is questionable on their age, Yes, they should have their ID on them. Lauren was told that a person has 24 hours to produce their ID if something should happen.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. LASC

Lauren told the Board that Antioch Youth Soccer Organization no longer exists. The Antioch kids are now going to Lindenhurst to play soccer. Antioch has never had a soccer organization without Antioch being in the name. Outside organizations are now approaching Antioch to use our fields. The Antioch Township would like to us go this route. Lauren told the Board that outside organizations are already using our fields for practices and games. Lori Flade asked Lauren, shouldn't these organizations be paying for the use of these fields? Jeff Rosenthal told Lauren that the fields in Millburn can not be used anymore, the fields and parking lots are a mess. Jeff said he had heard that organizations have been using the field in the Clublands to practice on. Lauren expressed that she doesn't want to see TOSC overused with programs issues. Lauren will be talking to Tom Shaughnessy regarding his vision on the field usage and asked if he can attend the next Board meeting to share his vision with the Board. Lauren also told the Board that the practice fields at TOSC are getting trashed due to the overuse of them. Bill noted that the Township is installing a split rail fence along the street on the left side when entering the park. This will take away from a lot of parking. Lauren also told the Board that the La Cross Team uses the fields in the Spring at TOSC, so the fields need to be maintained.

ii. St. Peters School Building

Mary and Lauren took a tour of the St. Peters School, Lauren commented that the school is amazing, so much potential. Lauren would like to use the building for Camp Crayon and Summer Day Camp. The gym could be used for events, the possibilities are endless. Lauren will be writing a proposal to use it.

iii. Antioch's Annual Christmas Parade

Lauren told the Board she will not be at the Christmas Parade or Tree Lighting this year due to family commitments. She would like to see all the Park Board members help out.

iv. Antioch Aqua Center 12 and Over Rules

Lauren told the Board she is currently working on a solution for the Over 12 year old problems we have at the Aqua Center. She has found bands that the kids can wear that will let the lifeguards know that they are of age, and do not have parents with them. Lauren will have parents come into the Parks office to fill out forms and pick up their bands. Lori expressed her feelings regarding this, she believes that this is telling

pedophiles that what child is there without a parent. Also, Lori would like to see these 12-year olds have to take a swim test. Also, what if a child cannot wear a band due to skin irritations? It was also brought up, what happens with the people that just show up for the first time? The ones that pay cash, have no parent with them, how will the pool staff handle them? Will they be allowed in the pool?

v. Sawmill Recognition and Tour Event

Lauren told the Board again about the upcoming Tour and Event at the Sawmill on Saturday, October 19th at 10:00 am before the Harvest Fest. She invited all Board members to attend. Lauren also told the Board that Lake County Visitor Bureau will be filming Antioch at the Harvest Fest and Treat the Streets on Saturday.

vi. Project Status Update

Lauren told the Board the projects that have been worked on and completed. Mary has been working on the Peaceful Playground at both the Parks building and Scout House, they look amazing.

vii. Upcoming Events

Toni went over the upcoming events for October and November. The Harvest Fest is Saturday and she needs help with the events. The North Pole Express tickets go on sale Thursday for the Residents of Antioch. Tickets for the Adult Night Out will go on sale Friday, November 1st. The Christmas Parade will be on Friday, November 29th. Help will be needed at the Bandshell around 5:00 pm.

c) Program Supervisor Report:

i. Go Antioch

Lauren told the Board that 12 people did show up. It was a nice event.

ii. Ski and Skate Resale

The Ski and Skate Resale is set for Saturday, November 16th. Drop off equipment is on Friday, November 15th 4 – 7 pm at the Parks Gym. Volunteers are needed the day of the sale. Gina asked if we could post signs at Wilmot Ski Mountain regarding our sale.

d) Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2019 were reviewed. Nothing that is standing out on this report.

Jeff asked Lauren if anything was standing out on the report? Lauren said that we had overtime from the pool. On August 12th most of the employees went back to school so the managers stepped up and filled the time slots that were needed to be covered. Out of 36 employees over ¾ went back to school. Jim asked Lauren if the prices were going to stay the same. Lauren will have that information on next month's agenda.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2019

Other Business:

Bill Rentner, after inspecting Jensen Park he noticed that in the parking lot in front of the Handicap Sign there are branches down that need to be removed. Bill also noticed that the bench needs to be securely fastened down to the ground. Also, there are tire marks all over the tennis courts. Bill went to Osmond Park to inspect it, he asked Lauren if they should be taking the Volleyball Net down and put it up at Trevor Creek Park. Bill questioned the Bike Path, where the Village is as far as the permits, Lauren told the Board that they received 1 permit so far, only 1 more to go. Bill also asked Lauren about the Swing for Trevor Creek, Lauren explained that the company they are working with is very slow at getting the swing to us. It should arrive in November Lauren told the Board.

Paul Hettich met with the Lake County Forest Preserve regarding the Wetlands; Paul told the Board that Lake County only uses Poles for their walking paths. Paul told Lauren if we needed to we can contact them for advice.

Jim Weber ask Lauren what happened to Pederson Park, he thought that the Garden Club was supposed to plant flowers in the entrance to the park, it never happened this year. Lauren will investigate it.

Jeff Rosenthal asked Lauren about the Pitman Property. What is going on with it, Will it be a short-term fix, what is the long-term fix, and what happened with the soil sample? Lauren told the Board that the Village received notice that they can move forward to repair the culvert, as for the soil sample, Lauren did not heard what the results were, she will look into it and let the Board know the results by the next meeting.

There being no further discussion, Member Johnson moved, seconded by Member Flade to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:21 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary