

Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the January 15, 2020 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, Rosenthal, Johnson, Flade and Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Park Board Secretary Toni Galster. Absent: Commissioner Wolf.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Flade to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

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

No: 0.

Absent: 1 Wolf

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim wished everyone a Happy New Year and commented that he felt the Christmas Parade went very well this year. Jim asked Lauren if she had heard anything on Pederson Park and the Benches and or Flowers. Lauren explained that Public Works has funds that were donated to purchase 3 benches, they will be recycled plastic, low maintenance and will be mounted to the ground in the spring. Jim also asked about the dumpster situation at Pederson Park, since this is a park that really doesn't need a dumpster, Jim feels it should be removed, the only people that dump anything in this dumpster are the residents and construction companies. Lauren told Jim that the Village gets the dumpster for free and its not causing any real problems.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i. Fiscal 2021 Budget Timeline

Lauren told the Board that we are currently in Budget season, her portion of the Budget is due on January 31, 2020

Lauren is currently working with Bob Rentner on the Aqua Center; they are trying to locate an inspector for the diving board and slide. The diving board has some paint peeling, Lauren asked the Board for any suggestions if they had any. Paul told Lauren that when he was younger it was, his responsibility to inspect the slides and diving boards. Jeff suggested finding a consultant that can inspect everything at the pool including all the hardware. Jim asked Lauren what Bob's official job at the pool is. Lauren explain he is Maintenance, he makes sure the correct chemicals get in the pool, the pool is cleaned every day and order supplies for the pool.

ii. Adaptive Parks Initiative

The only capital improvement Lauren plans on putting in the budget is the Adaptive equipment and or Stand-alone slides, she hasn't narrowed it down yet. Jeff asked Lauren about the Parent Tot Swing, Lauren confirmed that she is looking into that swing for Trevor Creek, North Ave Park, and Centennial Park. Lauren believes these parks are perfect for these swings

iii. 20-21 Fiscal Budget

No other big purchases will be made this fiscal year.

iv. Project Status Update

Lauren told the Board that not much has happened this past month on the Project Status. The Camp Crayon Door at the Parks building will be replaced. Lauren explained what happened with the swing for Trevor Creek and the miscommunication regarding the size of the chain, everything is now under control and the swing will be installed this spring. Lauren told the Board that with spring around the corner more items will be added to the list, and current items should be completed.

v. Annual Schedule of Meetings

Jim looked over the Annual Schedule of Meetings and confirmed the dates. Member Flade moved to approve the schedule, seconded by Member Hettich. Upon roll call, the vote was: **Yes: 5:** Rentner, Hettich, Rosenthal, Johnson, Flade

No: 0

Absent: 1: Wolf

THE MOTION CARRIED.

vi. Upcoming Events

Lauren spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming events that Toni will be discussing. Lauren will be presenting all the New Events and Changes at the Next COW meeting in February and requested everyone to be there to support her. The Changes Lauren will be recommending will be the 4th of July day activities, not the parade or fireworks. Lauren asked the Board to NOT talk to any Lions Club members until she has a chance to speak to them first. Bill asked what will some of the suggestions be for the 4th, Lauren explained that the Concerts, Food, Games, have not been profitable for a few years, whether it's the weather or the lack of people participating, its just not profitable any longer. Laurens suggestion is to beef up the parade, Lauren also told the Board about a Back to School Bash on August 15th, idea

that she has. Bill questioned her about including Food Trucks at the Concerts, Lauren explained its not as easy to allow them at our events. The permits are so involved, she hasn't seen anything like it before. Bill reminded Lauren that the parking situation at the High School is very limited. Last year the high school locked the parking lot at McMillen, people had no place to park, if we beef up the parade, where will everyone park. Lori told Lauren we could either bus participates in and or the trailer we used for the Harvest Fest; we could use to bring people from the downtown area to the high school. Jim asked the Board to please write down your ideas and send them to Lauren. It was brought to Laurens attention that if we have performers in the parade, they will want to stop the parade to perform, will this cause a problem. In the past the parade was not allowed to stop, Jim mentioned that if its hot that day like in the past, the cars and horses overheat, the kids overheat. Having to stop constantly will cause problems. Jim ask Lauren if there was any talk regarding having a DJ playing music during the Fireworks. Lauren told the Board that we are looking into all ideas. Toni asked the Board who will be available for The Adult Night Out to help volunteer, Bill – No, Paul – No, Gina – Absent, Jeff – will get back to me, Cedric – will get back to me, Lori – Yes, Jim – Yes. Toni also told the Board the upcoming events, the Daddy Daughter Date Night is on February 1st, Mother Son Bowling is on March 1st. The new events that Lauren and Toni are working on, are the Roaring 20s Outdoor Dinner / Dance, The Back to School Bash, Changing the Summer Wine Walk to a Spring Wine Walk and having it on Saturday, May 9th, The Touch a Truck that will be in September. The Street Market that will start in June, taking the place of the Farmers Market. The Eco Fair that the Parks Department is now in charge of in April.

c) Program Supervisor Report:

i. Camp Crayon Update

Mary invited the Board to the Camp Crayon Open House that will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 6 -7 pm. Mary also explained the Priority, and resident registration and the dates of the registration. The 4-year-old teachers have approached Mary regarding the afternoon classes. They have proposed the class be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, instead of Monday/Wednesday/Friday. The teachers believe it will be better for the kids.

ii. Day Camp

Mary has hired Meghan Bohn the new Director of the Camp Sunshine Camp. Mary is currently taking applications for camp counselors. Kids wanting to be camp counselors must be 16 by June 1st, and pool staff my be 16 by May 1st.

iii. Ski and Skate Resale

Mary told the Board that she made \$102.70 from the Resale this past weekend. She said that by 6:30 pm on Friday she didn't have much to sell, but at 6:45 pm 3 different families came in with a bunch of items, quality stuff. Skates were an item she did not have much of, and the people were looking for them. Most everything sold. Mary said that most of the items were sold in the first hour.

iv. Winter Break Camp

Camp was held for only 6 days this year, Mary told the Board that there was an average of 8 kids per day, some days were more. This is a service for the working parents, the profit for this camp was only \$380.00

d) Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2019 were reviewed. Nothing that is standing out on this report.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2020

Other Business:

Bill asked about the 4th of July suggestions, what are our ideas? Bill asked if we should have a band before and during the fireworks, and what will happen to the Lions Club. Jim suggested maybe have a band start at 6:00 pm and have the Lions Club serve food and drink after 6:00 pm. Bill does agree we should beef up the parade, but the parking will continue to cause problems. Jeff asked Lauren if she saw any of the comments that were on Facebook regarding the Dickens Characters? No one likes them. Lori won't drive down Main Street with her kids, they are afraid of them. Lauren explained that it's a Chamber thing, and the Village is not part of it. Jeff asked her, doesn't the Village have a say on what is displayed in the Village? Lori told the Board she will not be at the February Board meeting or the COW meeting.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:55 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary