

**Village of Antioch  
Park Commission Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020  
Virtual Meeting  
Call in #1-312-626-6799 Public Access Code: 851-3454-4573**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the May 20, 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, Wolf, Rosenthal, Flade and Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick, and Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Absent: Commissioner Johnson and , Park Board Secretary Toni Galster, At 7:28 pm Cedric Johnson joined the meeting. Amending original Roll Call: Due to Video difficulties Cedric Johnson was in attendance from the beginning of the meeting. He was made visible when Dan Yost came online at 7:28 pm.

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**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were not sent with agenda, so they could not be approved at this Board Meeting. They will be approved at the June 17, 2020 meeting.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Weber commented that he was happy to see everyone is safe. And that he had visited Pederson Park and noticed that it is flooded. But there were people fishing in the front half of the park. Osmond Park is still flooded, Jim commented that we need that bridge in Osmond Park so people can access the trail.

**7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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**i. Updates and Discussion Events and Summer Programming**

Lauren wanted to touch base with everyone and their concerns where we are at as far as plans for the summer. A press release went out regarding all the cancellations. The Summer Day Camp modifications and the delay of opening the Aqua Center. Parks will be open for people to walk through, but not play on the structures. The decision for opening the parks will be in Phase 4. Sanitation stations reminding people of fun stuff they can do with Social Distancing. There will be No Swim Lessons, No Pool Rentals and No Events at the Aqua Center this summer.

Lauren reminded everyone that the Village Board will be revisiting everything on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Park Board will only recommend what should and should not open, The Village Board will be revisiting everything on June 17<sup>th</sup>. And make decisions at that point.

Lori ask Lauren if there is no rentals will there be a swim team? Lauren told her that the Waves made the decision to cancel their season a while ago.

Jim ask Lauren if the pool was to open and someone did need to be rescued and have mouth to mouth will there be a procedure in place for that situation. Lauren assured the Board that there are Special Filters that the lifeguards will be using. They are the same ones that the Responders use. Jeff inquired if Lauren has done any financial planning to see if it's worth opening the pool late this year? Lauren told the Board that she will run the Aqua Center with enough staff. Not allowing more then 50% of the allowed capacity to swim. Lauren has crunched numbers. If they receive \$6.00 per person, allowing 100 people in the pool each day, that would only be \$25,000.00 we would be losing money if we open late. The pool typically spends \$250,000.00 each year on the pool, we need to make \$280,000.00 to make a profit. Without the rentals which are usually \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00 a year. We will not make a profit. So, it doesn't make sense to open.

Bill reminded everyone that we need to give the people of Antioch something to do. Lauren reminded everyone that in a 30-mile radius Antioch would be the only pool open. Which means non-residents would be coming to the Aqua Center. The residents of Antioch would be not happy if the pool filled with non-residents and they couldn't go swimming because of the 100 people limit. Jim asked Lauren if its worth opening the pool this season. Jim told Lauren if we don't open, we will not have to worry about the Covid 19 stuff, and if someone contracts it at the Antioch Aqua Center and lawsuits that could take place. Lori asked if we did open, could it be a 125 max and could the Antioch residents with season passes have first dibs along with the residents who pay, before non-residents can get in. Other questions were asked regarding taking temperature of each person before they are allowed in the pool, will someone at the gate keep an accurate account of how many people are in the pool. Will the guards be the only ones wearing masks? Lauren told the Board that the Village Board has 1 month to make all these decisions. Paul reminded the Board that the Boy Scouts have closed and cancelled all their events to avoid complications. Jim agreed with closing everything, there is no set protocol for anything yet. Jim proposes that we keep the pool closed for the season.

Jeff told Jim he makes an excellent point, there are many things we do not know about this virus yet. It's a liability to the pool. Everyone agreed they would love to see the pool open, but it is beyond our control. Lauren told everyone that its just a gut feeling, but she does not see the pool opening this season. Lauren wants her staff to feel and know they are safe, and right now they won't.

Paul told the Board that all the phone calls that Lake County are receiving are people complaining that people are in the parks not following the rules.

Phase 4 should start at the end of June, but with what is going on in the world, it doesn't look like it will happen.

Bill again ask the Board to please open the Pool, the Residents of Antioch needs something to do. Jim agreed with Bill, but at this point in time, we just can't. Taking people temperatures won't work because they are already outside and they will be hot, so their temperatures will be high. Bill asked if the residents signed a form understanding that the Village of Antioch is not responsible if they contract the virus, could that work? Jeff asked if the Village could purchase the Rapid Covid Tester / The Aqua Center could swab each person that wants to come into the pool, and in 13 minutes they would know if they had the virus or not. Jeff mentioned that Abbott is currently doing it for all their employees, Jeff realizes that it won't be cost effective for the Village but may-be for the future. Lori told Jeff then people will be coming to the pool just to get the test to see if they have the virus. Which could spread the virus more. Lauren told the Board that we will wait to see what will happen at the end of June. Lauren's staff will be putting together a Protocol manual for the upcoming 18 months. Jeff told the Board that he oversees the events for Abbott, and they have cancelled all their events. Lauren reminded the Board that Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the small businesses in town will be re-opening, it's different then opening the concerts, we can not control how many people show up at the event. With everyone shut in the past few months we could see hundreds of people at the concerts, so for now until we are in phase 5 concerts and all outdoor events will be cancelled. It looks like quite awhile before we can have an event. Lauren told the Board we need to get creative, Virtual. Other communities are trying Virtual Rec Centers. Virtual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades, she's not sure how that would work. Jim ask Dan Yost his feelings on everything that is going on. Dan told the Park Board that the Village Board has the same mixed feelings about opening the pool. Jeff asked Dan if they have spoken to Bob Long the Village Attorney regarding the liability on opening the pool. Dan wasn't sure if Mr. Long's has been contacted regarding it yet. Lauren told the Park Board that She and Mary will be downsizing the Summer Day camp to 80 per day. Jeff had mentioned that new findings are out, and the virus does not live on surfaces. Lauren believes that things will change the Village is monitoring the cases in Antioch vs lake County vs the State of Illinois. Lauren said, we don't know where we will be in 14 days from now with Wisconsin opening. The Village of Antioch will operate inside the guidelines of Illinois, it's the responsible thing to do. Jim asked if there was any more input, then asked Lauren what is happening with the benches for Peterson Park. Lauren hasn't made any decisions yet; she wants benches that are bolted down and can not be moved. Lauren has emailed Sherry at Public Works about what she needs. Bill mentioned that Tim Osmond Sports Complex has new benches around their pond, they look homemade. With all the rain we have had Bill said the benches are under water right now, but they do look nice Dan said. Lauren will take a look at them and see if our Public Works can build them. Lauren let the Board know that there has been someone everyday during the week at the Parks Building answering the phones. Starting on June 1<sup>st</sup> we will all be at the office. Jeff asked Lauren if the Village if receiving any State and Federal

Funding, Lauren responded she believes the Village might be. Jim inquired about the Budget, Lauren told them that they can't go over it, the budget has not officially passed yet. At this point Joy said we are fine, we are not spending any money, Jim wants to make sure the trail bridge is still in the budget. Lauren told the Board she will be checking on this.

**c) Program Supervisor Report:**

**i. Update and Discussion Summer Camp Programming**

Mary told the Board that there will be 8 kids to 2 counselors. Families will only be allowed to pick either 3-day camp Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or the 2-day camp Tuesday and Thursday. If a family needs all 5 days, they will have to sign up for both camps. The families will sign up and Mary will assign the kids to each Counselor. At this time Mary is working on a manual for the counselors. Mary is promoting on Facebook that Camp will open in July. Jim asked Mary, what if the Counselors went and found jobs, will she work with their current jobs to fit in her schedule at camp. Mary needs 24 counselors Mary told the Board she will work with all the counselors. If camp doesn't open there are parents looking for babysitters. Mary will contact the counselors to see who would like the opportunity to babysit if the camp doesn't open. Mary told the Board that if it rains, she has 3 groups at the Scout House, 4 groups at the Parks Building, (2 upstairs and 2 downstairs) and 1 group at the Senior Center. Right now, the Senior Center is closed to the public, Paul and Jennifer are only there to answer phone calls. Lori asked Mary about the CDC Guidelines, will the campers have to wear masks? The law is anyone 2 and older must wear a mask. Mary told the Board that the Counselors will be wearing masks. Jim told Mary that if the Pool does open, the campers and counselors will not be able to wear their masks swimming. It's a Catch 22 situation. There may be parents who require their children to wear masks. She hasn't received the guidelines regarding camps yet from our Governor. Mary will require the Counselors to keep at least 3 logs, Temperature Log, Sanitation Log and Washing their Hands Log. Parents will be required to send with each camper each day a bag of supplies that the camper will use only, supplies like, crayons, markers, pencils, etc. Jeff added that not everyone follows the rules, even if you try Social Distancing. Lauren told the Board that it will be hard when we have Wisconsin kids coming in and we have no clue where they have been. Lauren is currently working on a plan for Jim Keim. Lori asked Mary, don't the camps go to different parks during the day? What happens if the parks are still on a lock down and can not be used? What will you do with the campers then? Mary told the Board that is why we are waiting until July to start the camp, to see whether the parks can be open. Lauren told the Board that Phase 4 does mention the opening of parks, all the campers really need is the grassy area and not the play structures. Lauren mentioned that if the parks don't open, she is not sure what they will do. Lauren is worried that if the parks are closed and we have our campers at the parks, we will get bad feedback from residents requiring us using the parks and they can't. Mary added there will be NO fieldtrips this year. Also, No ALL Group activities.

ii. **Camp Crayon End of Year**

Camp Crayon has ended, Mary had for the 4-year olds a drive by graduation. The teachers were awesome this year. They sent the kids letters and videos were sent each week while they were in lock down. They made videos for each of them, one teacher held the picture of the student, the second teacher announce their name and the third teacher held their certificate. On the day of graduation, the teachers, while in their masks stood outside in front of the Parks building as the parents stopped by, the teachers handed each student their Memory Books and their personal belongings that were left in their class room. Mary added she has the most dedicated teachers ever.

The Bike Resale has been cancelled for 2020. Mary is not sure what will happen with the Ski & Skate Sale in the fall.

**Next Meeting:** June 17, 2020

**Other Business:**

Bill just wanted the Parks Staff to know that they are doing a great job. Paul wanted to thank the staff also. Gina said it was nice to see everyone and she would like to see something posted regarding the trail in Tim Osmond Park. Jeff comments that everyone's lifestyles are changing, assuming everyone is still employed. Jeff's HOA is saving money, he hopes that the Village is saving money as well and will be diverting funds to build another structure in town. Lauren told Jeff, once we see the bottom line, what we spent compared to what we saved, they will decide what to do as a Village. Lauren explained that each department has their own budget, but it will be interesting. Cedric nothing has changed, he is still the only person in his building. He agrees with Jim about not opening the pool, no one knows anything about this virus. He also wanted Lori to know he is still having the Keto shakes. Lori gave Cedric Kudos for continuing his shakes. Jim commented that it was nice to see everyone.

There being no further discussion, Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Flade to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:12 pm

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary