

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Virtual Meeting
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the July 15, 2020 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 pm

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, and Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, and, Park Board Secretary Toni Galster,

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 17, 2020 meeting will be approved at the August 19, 2020 Park Board meeting.

Yes: 0:

No: 0.

Absent: 0

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim Weber commented that he had a great time at the first Sawmill Tour. Even though not many people came out to see him. Toni made a pamphlet to hand out with the history of the Sawmill. Jim also mentioned that descendants of Hiram Buttrick came and took a tour of the Sawmill and asked lots of questions. They will be returning on the 25th with their son who is doing a family tree on the Buttrick's. Paul would like us to see if we can coordinate with the Historical Society to be open at the same time as they are. We could send people over to the museum and the museum can send people over to the Sawmill for a tour. Ainsley Brook Wonderling will be the next speaker on July 25th. Jim told the Board that he is happy to see the Parks are all open again. Jim also said that Wisconsin is a different world, they have no social distancing, restaurants are all open.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

i). Parks and Program Operations

Lauren received emails from both Jim and Paul regarding the Sawmill and the Flagpole. Paul and Jim both commented that they want to get a flag back on the pole in the Park and Jim would love to see the Sawmill lighted up once again. The Sawmill needs landscaping. Jim also commented that it's too bad that the wheel on the sawmill is in such bad shape, it would be wonderful if we could find an engineer to see if it can be repaired and start the Sawmill back up and running. Lauren will be talking to Jim Keim regarding their concerns. Paul told Lauren he will be going to the Sawmill on Thursday and he will do a report on it. Paul will stop by the office when he is done. Paul went on to say that he is very proud of Toni and how the Sawmill tour went on Saturday. Lauren told the Park Board that the restrooms in the parks are now open. Lauren also commented that while driving by the parks, she noticed that they don't look to crowded. Mary said that the Summer Day Camp kids have been to almost all the parks, and they never had any problems.

Lauren asked the Park Board for the comments regarding cement benches at Pederson Park. While research for benches, Lauren has found that the price for a cement bench is only \$500. Bill told Lauren that a permanent bench can not be installed, Bill told the Board that Public Works will on occasion go down the path with machines to re-mulch and trim the bushes and trees, the benches would get in their way. The ground is very soft so machines with tracks would be the only machine they can use on the trails.

Lauren asked Bill if public works poured 2 holes with concrete and a hook where the bench could be locked to, would that work. Bill agreed that it could, but there is limited places down on the trails that a concrete bench could go in. Paul described to the Board the types of benches that Lake County Forrest Preserve have installed. Jim also described the benches that Williams Park have, they are made with concrete and treated wood, those can be moved and if the wood goes bad, the planks can be replaced. Lauren told him she will go to Williams Park to see what he is talking about. Lauren told Jeff and the rest of the Park Board that they have come to terms of agreement with Lindenhurst regarding soccer. Kids will be allowed to play this fall at the Clublands. They have a traffic flow pattern for parking, how to stripe the fields and water to chalk mix.

ii). FY 2021 Budget Updates

The budget has passed. We have a modified working document.

iii). Upcoming Events Discussion

There is a special COW meeting next week, Lauren plans on suggesting that all August events be cancelled. The concerts, car show, the Back to School Bash and the Roaring 20's Dance. The Antioch Pageant will not be cancelled or the Street Market. The only people allowed at the pageant will be the contestants parents, the judges and tabulators. The pageant will be streamed live on Facebook. The Street Market will start on July 26th, and Lauren will be recommending that we shorten the wine walk to 15 locations, we would offer 4 time slots of 50 people each and only 2-hour window. We suggest that the check in would start at 11 am and only check 50 people in once an hour until 2 pm. We will drop the price of the tickets to \$30.00, we will bring back the wine bags, we will be eliminating

food at all of the locations, but we will put snacks in their wine bags. No glasses this time, we will have plastic sample cups at each location, this is a recommendation from our police chief. Instead of the wine glass we will have Wine Bottle Stoppers. We will be asking everyone to wear masks, including the business locations, the bartenders and wine walk participants. We will look into bulk masks with our logo on the mask. Lori expressed that everyone should wear a mask, if they don't want to wear it, then they should stay home. Jeff said that if the pourer must wear the mask then the wine walker should have to, they don't have to pour the wine for anyone not with a mask on. On Thursday, July 30th we will be having a lottery to see what business will be in the wine walk.

8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

i. Summer Day Camp - Update

Summer Day Camp is going very well, its only a week and a half, a lot of great comments. The Kids were at Osmond Park, a counselor was explaining to the kids the importance of wearing a mask, a woman overheard her and called the office to express how impressed she was by the counselor and how the staff explained the facts. Another parent called how happy they are even without the pool, but she did they the Board that she did purchase an \$800 slide which the kids love. The average number of kids on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday is 20-28 kids and the Tuesday and Thursday camp averages 35-45 kids. Everyone is staying safe. There are about 70-75 kids registered.

ii. Specialty Camps

Robothink Camp did not go, Mary is currently working with Kessel on their upcoming camps. British Soccer Camp will be starting next week with 5 kids signed up. They will run the Little Tykes and Half Day Camp. Mary mentioned that they all submitted their Covid protocols. The camps that are running all have a least 5 kids in them, which is what they need to be a camp. Jeff asked Mary if they are doing the Water Slide every day? Mary told the Board that they don't put it up when the weather is going to be bad. Otherwise yes, Bob Rentner sets it up for them. Jeff commented what a great job with it, he likes seeing the social distancing on Facebook.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2020 were reviewed. Nothing that is standing out on this report. The budget was passed there is a working document now.

Next Meeting: August 19, 2020 – Virtual Meeting, Lori mentioned that District 34 goes back to school that day. Lauren asked the Board if they would like to continue having the Park Board meeting Virtual format or at the Senior Center? Jim said he would like to have the Virtual Meeting for at least one more month. Everyone agrees to try it one more month. Paul commented that the VFW and American Legion have been doing their meetings as required by the state, they have had no problems.

Other Business:

Bill Rentner asked Lauren about the Handicap Swings, Lauren explained that she wants to get all the same swings, should they look the same or do we swap swings with another park? Lauren said that if Centennial Park has 3 of these swings, may-be we should move one of them to North Avenue Park. If the specs match, then we should be able to do it. Bill ask about the one from September, Lauren explained that it never shipped. When this whole shut down happened and they didn't ship it, Lauren cancelled the order. Jim asked if it's a wheelchair swing. Lori asked if we have 3 at Centennial Park, then we should be moving one. Lauren said we must check to make sure that it is the same one that is currently broken. The woman that is asking for it has been so patient Bill said, he was under the impression that it was ordered, and we were just waiting for it to come in. Bill asked Please if they can please just put one in the park as soon as possible. Jim asked Lauren to please email him the updates on the swing and the park. Lauren did say that there is nothing to report on the parks, except that the Boy Scouts did the landscaping in the front of the Wetlands.

Paul wanted to thank Toni for the Sawmill tours and Mary for what she is doing.

Gina sorry she missed the last meeting, is there a exact status on the path yet. Lauren told her that now the budget is down, she does feel comfortable asking for a project budget. She is hoping that the path stayed on the budget. She will let everyone know.

Jeff apologized for being late, there will be NO football being played at Tim Osmond Sports Complex, Jeff asked if there is any flag football this fall? Anyone have any sports this fall? Mary explained that the Parks Department does not do any organized sports, once Robbie left, we handed it all back to the organizations. Jeff also asked what is going on with Osmond Sports Complex, there is a lot going on there. Lauren explained that Tom Shaughnessy has one full time employee doing most of the landscaping, all the projected have been Township funded. Jeff asked what the Villages responsibility is. Lauren explained that it is still a shared responsibility, We have not re-formalized park co-op document created. Nothing has changed, if people want to use the fields, they still need to go through the Parks department, Jeff thanked everyone for a great job. Cedric also thanked everyone for a great job. Jim asked everyone to get out to their parks if they see anything that needs to be taken care of to please email Lauren.

There being no further discussion, Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Wolf to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:48 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary