

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
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Wednesday, August 19, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the August 19, 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, Johnson, Flade and Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Director Lauren Kabrick, and Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, and, Park Board Secretary Toni Galster, Absent: Rosenthal.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 5:

No: 0.

Absent: 1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Hettich to approve the July 15, 2020 minutes.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 5:

No: 0.

Absent: 1

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Two months ago, Jim walked through his assigned park, Pederson Park. Jim noticed that the grown was completely saturated. Jim went bank on July 6th or 7th hoping the trails had dried out, but they were still wet. On August 12th Jim noticed the trails were over grown, what use to be a

10-foot path, now no one could get through, especially a vehicle to cut the weeds and branch back. Jim also noticed that there was an area that was taped off, Mary explained that there was poison ivy in that area. Lauren will be talking to Public works to see if they have taken care of it yet. Jim also mentioned the Tiffany Walk Path, he can't wait until its completed, its finally getting dryer so people can walk it again. Lauren informed the Park Board that the permits for the construction have been approved and work will start soon. Jim added he would like a Park Walk Through when it is complete. Jim noticed the Park Closed signs at Centennial Park and ask Lauren if they were painting the Park? Lauren explained that it was a Bee situation that closed the park. Jim asked Lauren if the hole was fixed yet? And mentioned there is a drawing of the drain tile for the park if Public Works needs it to fix the hole before it becomes bigger.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lauren apologized for not being in the office this past week, She explained that the COW Meeting is set for next week, she will be discussing all of the September events.

- i). Fall 2020 Modifications / Discussions
The Touch a Truck will be postponed until the Spring of 2021, we are currently working on the Fall Wine Walk that is set for Saturday, September 26th, there are only 13 tickets left. Camp Crayon will not start in September. We will reassess the in person learning per District 34 model as it changes, the teachers will be offering Class in a Box. This is a paid class and is separate from registered Camp Crayon families.
Lauren's Fall Event Recommendations: On October 24th Lauren would like to Offer some form of a Halloween Event, either Trunk or Treat spread out in a Parking lot, or close Main Street for 4 hours and allow businesses to bring a table outside, this would be a ticketed event, Lauren commented that we cannot offer The Harvest Fest this year. The Christmas parade will still be advertised, but Lauren told the Park Board that we will see where the State is at, she has some Different ideas but will wait until we know more. The North Pole Express is still being advertised but we are waiting to hear from Metra and Buffalo Grove to see if the permits have been accepted and what the changes will be. The Adult Night we will also advertise it, but we are waiting to hear if PM&L will be open and if we need to offer two separate shows.
- ii). Swings
Lauren explained what happened with the timeline, the equipment order and when it was shipped out. The swings have arrived, they now need to be installed. Lauren told the Park Board she now needs to order one for Sprenger Park.
- iii). Sawmill Punch List / Scout Projects
Paul Hettich submitted to Lauren a punch list of items that need to be addressed at the Saw Mill. Out of all the items, there are 5 that stand out and need to be fix immediately, Split Rail fencing, much of the rails need replacing. The garbage can at the entrance to the park, is completely full and is attracting bees and smells bad. There is a small beehive near the roof line above the door in the Saw

Mill that needs to be removed. And the Door on the Saw Mill seems to be off the rail so it's to be realigned. And last the Flagpole, the trees near the Flag pole and Roof of the Saw Mill will need to be cut back to add more sunlight and for its safety. The Flagpole need maintenance and we need to install lights and the rope that will bring the flag up the pole needs to be replaced.

Lauren told the Park Board that she has been approached by Jodi Klemm of the Scout Troop 190 of Antioch is looking to schedule some outdoor service projects. they would like to pull weeds, clean up an area or anything the village needs help with. Lauren will also suggest to North Bridge Church projects at the Saw Mill which they can help assisting with. Lauren mentioned that the Saw Mill Tours are becoming very popular Jim asked Lauren if it was possible to get the wheel at the Saw Mill turning again. Lauren explained to the Park Board, that it would be an Engineering question and she would talk to Jim Keim about it.

- iv). **Tiffany Farms Bike Path**
The permits from the Stormwater Management Commission have been issued. Construction should begin in the near future after the bidding process has been completed.

- v). **Village Employee E-Learning Program**
The Parks and Recreation Department has now offered to the Village employee E-Learning for the employee kids. At this point we have 8 kids that will be Starting soon.

8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

- i. **Summer Day Camp – Update**
Mary was proud to say NO Covid 19 were reported at the Summer Day Camp This summer, neither the staff nor the campers had the virus.
The Camp received a nice letter from a parent, praising the counselors on their Great Cleaning practices. Mary purchased a Water slide this summer for the campers. The slide was set up at Williams Park, all the kids seemed to love it. The last week of camp, Nicko one of the counselors came up with the idea to have a car wash, so the campers raised over \$330.00 in a single day. With the money all the campers got to go to Dairy Queen, they rented a Dunk Tank and the balance they donated to the Antioch Traveling Closet.

- ii. **Camp Crayon Preschool Update.**
Mary reported that Camp Crayon Preschool will remain closed until further notice. The teachers are creating a “Class in a Box” for parents to register for. The box is a six-week course that will cover many different subjects.

- iii. Contractual Programing
Hots Shots is still offering Fall classes outdoors. American Stars and Shine Bright will be offering classes in our program guide, not sure how they will have them or where.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2020, will be email on Thursday morning. Nothing that is standing out on this report. The budget was passed there is a working document now.

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Other Business:

Bill wanted to thank Lauren for the swing, Public Works installed the swing on Monday, the woman that wanted it, told him they Love It. So, thank you and keep up the great work. Paul commented that he had nothing to add, except he and his family had a fun time at the Saw Mill during the tour. He reminded Lauren about all the notes he took regarding the repairs for the Saw Mill. Paul also reminded everyone that he is with the American Legion and VFW, and that both are under new leadership and they both are looking for ways to do community projects. Gina told the Park Board about a situation she encountered at the Wetlands. While coming upon the gated entrance, a man was lying between the gate motionless, so she called the police. It ended up being a homeless person, but Gina wondered if there was a way to curtail this kind of thing to not scare citizens just trying to enjoy our parks. Lauren told her she will talk to the new chief about this. Gina did say they police came and checked it out. Paul also said the previous chief knew about the homeless guy. Toni informed the Park Board that the Antioch Pageant is this weekend. She thanked Jim and Paul for volunteering as tabulators. The pageant will be a webinar instead of a Live Stream. This way no one can rudely put any comments up. Amy will set up the webinar and give out the links to about 100 family and friends of the contestants.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:36 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary