

Village of Antioch Park Commission- 7:00 P.M.
Antioch Senior Center 817 Holbek Drive Antioch

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the October 21, 2020 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Renter, Hettich, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson, Flade and Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Acting Director 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

Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Hettich to approve the September 16, 2020 minutes with no corrections. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 6:

No: 0.

Absent:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim brought up the fact that nothing has been done at Pedersen Park. Jim would like to see a punch list sent to Public Works, spelling out all the work that is needed done at the park. Jim went on to say that the trails used to be 10' wide are now barely 2 ½ feet wide. Mary told the Board that she has been in touch with Sherry Hoban regarding the lack of communication between the Parks Department and Public Works. Sherry expressed that she had never heard of any work orders this summer spelling out any work that needed to be done. Jim would also like to see the path mowed then mulched. Also how is the garbage being dumped from the can that is on the far point of the park? Jim commented that someone would have seen that clearing needed to be done if they emptied the garbage. Gina recommended that there needs to be a schedule of all the work that needs to be done. Lori asked about weed killer, and if DNR allows chemicals to be sprayed on weeds so close to the water. Paul told the Board that Lake County sprays the edges of their lakes and trails all the time, there are no problems. Mary asked each of the Board members to please go to their assigned parks and make a list of problems that need to be addressed and email her the results. It was brought up again that the Parks Department needs at least 2 Park employees that will be dedicated to maintaining the parks only, not just the fields, but the actual parks. Jim asked Mary what was needed at the Saw Mill, Paul told Jim that he had sent Lauren a complete Punch list of items that he found that needed to be fixed, and or replaced before she left.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- i). Jim Keim Memo
Mary told the Board that until further notice Jim Keim has made her Acting Director of Parks & Recreation. Anyone with concerns or problems should go Directly to her. Mary also told the Board that she is working on getting her Certificate for Park Maintenance.
- ii). Story Time with Santa
Mary shared with the Board we decided against the Story Time with Santa, but instead the Parks Department will be hosting a Drive by Santa event. We are currently working on a schedule possibly Friday, November 27th and Saturday, November 28th, and we are also looking at possibly December 11th & 12th. Time of the event would be 5 – 8 pm on both dates. We would set up at the Williams Park Pavilion, and line the cars up through the Metra Station parking lot. There would be no registration, this would be a free event. We can ask Barbara from the Chamber if we could use some of her shadow boxes, and put them in the parking lot for people to look at while they are waiting in their cars to see Santa. We will need to see what electric we would need and if we need tents to cover the boxes. Jeff asked if it would be possible to drive Santa around to each neighborhood. Lori told Jeff and the rest of the Board that back in April the teachers were afraid of the large crowds that it would bring out. If the public knows when and where Santa is going to be in, we could have problems with crowd control. Paul told everyone that he believed that the drive through would work. Mary told the Board she needs Volunteers for setting up, traffic control breaking down each night.
- iii). Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Mary told the Board she will be cancelling the parade and tree lighting at the next Village Board meeting.
- iv). Re-naming Sprenger Park to Ellis Park.
Mary asked the Board if anyone had any information on Sprenger Parks, Is the family still in the area? Mary asked if anyone knew Oto Sprenger?
- v). Mary asked the Board about the Future dates for 2021 Park Board meetings, No one had any problems with the dates.
- vi). Mary told the Board that they each needed to take the Harassment Course, once completed she needs each of them to sign and date the last page and email it to her for their file before the end of the month.

- vii. Mary informed the Board that Trevor Creek and the rest of the parks should have stickers on the seats of the swings sets, Mary told them that these are safety stickers with age requirements on it. Cedric told Mary that in his park, the older kids are playing on the playground equipment and they are not letting the younger kids play.

8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

- i. **Camp Crayon Preschool Update.**
“Classroom in a Box”, is still going well. The Knights and Dragons have 7 kids Signed up and the Around the World has only 5.
The Story Time in the Park has gone over great. Jerry Johnson a Village Trustee Had the pleasure of reading a story today, Mayor Hanson will read at the last class.
- ii. Youth Sports
All the Fall Youth Sports are done for the year. Starting in November the classes will start inside at the Parks building. Mary told the Board that parents will drop off their children at the Parks building but will not be allowed in to watch. The kids will have their temperature taken as they arrive.
- iii. Ski and Skate Resale
The Ski and Skate Resale will be on November 13th as planned, only 10 people will be allowed in the gym at a time. Mary will need volunteers to help her at the sale. Signs have not gone up yet. Mary told the Board she will be happy to put the signs in the subdivisions but asked the Board to take them down when the sale is over.

9. SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

- i. Virtual Contests
Toni told the Board about the 3 Virtual contests that she is holding online. The Pumpkin Carving Contest has 5 pumpkins, the Costume Contest so far Only has 1 and the Halloween Makeup Contest has several great entries. Toni has extended the entries for the Pumpkin carving in hopes of getting more Kids to enter. The winners will be announced on Facebook on Friday, October 30th at 3:00 pm.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2020 Nothing that is standing out on this report.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2020

Other Business:

Bill congratulated Mary on her new position, Paul congratulated Mary, and expressed how important it will be going forward to keeping someone in this position longer than a year. Someone that will know what is going on. Gina expressed how excited it is to see that the Village is finally working on the Tiffany Path. Gina would also like to see everyone in Antioch putting up lights on their homes. Light Up Antioch. Jeff would like to see a decoration contest as well; we could use Facebook to Judge all the entries. Cedric want to congratulate Mary as well. Lori expressed that she liked the idea of decorations, maybe make a wooden snowman that everyone could paint and decorate and put outside their homes. Mary commented that the Chamber had something like that this past summer called Snowman on the Chain. Jim asked if everyone could decorate for Halloween, this way the kids will know what houses will be giving out candy.

There being no further discussion, Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Flade to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:25 pm

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary