

Village of Antioch Park Commission- 7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, December 16, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the December 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:02 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 Hettich moved, seconded by Member Flade to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes with corrections. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 6:

No: 0.

Absent:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim thanked Paul and Mary for touring Peterson Park, to see what needs to be done between now and the Spring. Jim also told the Board that if any of the other Board members had anything regarding their parks to please forward that information to Mary Quilty.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- i). Peterson Park Walk Thru
Mary thanked Jim and Paul for meeting her at Peterson Park. Walking the path, and noting all the items that need to be addressed by Public Works. Jim & Paul understand what is needed and said the 8000-pound machine that is needed to do the work in the park might be too heavy. They both agreed that giving Sherry pictures of the areas in Peterson Park and what needs to be done for future work orders. The shed that is in the park is used by the soccer association. Mary will have Bernadette email the organization to see who is using it, and have it removed.

- ii). Northbridge Church
Northbridge Church will be celebrating 20 years of helping the community come 2021. They are looking for a big project. They would not be interested in Pederson Park since they once worked on this park and it was not kept up. Mary told Mary Ellen from Northbridge that Hiram Buttrick Sawmill and Jensen Park are always used by the public. Mary also told Mary Ellen that the Parks & Recreation Department have re-used the templates that were used at Jensen Park. Paul is currently working with the Mayor to have the Tank that sits on Orchard and Toft to give it a facelift. Paul also mentioned the park next to Rustic and Reclaimed business, where the Gazebo used to be needs some plants or bushes to spruce it up. Paul questioned if the Woman's Club or Garden Club are maintaining this park? Paul sent a punch list on this park to Mary. Toni suggested if Northbridge is interested in doing a big project, Williams Park pavilion needs gutters. Paul told the Board that the VFW is also looking to do a project in town, they are willing to a partnership of 50/50 with the Village. Paul will do a follow up.
- iii). Moving forward in 2021
Mary asked the Board for any feedback regarding the staff and the department. If there was anything they would like changed.
- iv). What new ideas Board members might have
Mary requested from the Board members ideas for 2021. Go Antioch is a walking event, Jim suggested maybe a Get-Out and exercise program, starting at the Parks building and using the new path. Tim Osmond Sports Complex has a great trail that could be used at night. Jim would like to see the Community Garage Sale come back, Toni explained to him that the Street Market and Kids Flea market has taken the place of the Community Garage sale that the Woman's Club had done in the past. It was brought up that people could donate items that the Parks Department could sell, Lori brought up a good point, residents might just drop off items that are junk and they have no way of getting rid of it themselves so they figure we would. So, the items would be worthless, and we would be responsible for getting rid of it after the sale. Mary told the Board that the Spring/Summer Brochure will be available in March. Mary also told the Board that if the weather is nice in the Spring, the Parks Department could advertise a Go Antioch Event. Jim would like to see dedicated people for the Parks. Mary told the Board that she is currently working on the upcoming budget, she will include Seasonal Help from May-August. Mary has expressed to Jim Keim that Seasonal Help is very much needed. Jeff asked Mary if there is a schedule on the maintenance on each of the parks and the days that maintenance is completed. If there is time for special projects. Paul told Mary that we need Full Time dedicated people for the Parks instead of seasonal. Lori also agreed that the Parks need Full Time people year around. A punch list for each park is needed. Jim would like to see a camera in Peterson Park. Gina would like more communication. She mentioned that when Joy was acting director, she would send out emails every Friday updating the Board members and keeping them in the loop of what was going on in the Parks.

Mary ask Gina if she could send her a copy of the email so she would have a template of what they were looking for. Gina also asked if they could see any complaints that might be forwarded to the Parks and Village. In case someone asked them about it, they would know what they were talking about. Jeff would like to see the 2021 Goals for the year. He would like to see what events and dates will be happening so they can help with the events. Mary thanked everyone and told the Board about Stacy Ellis and about dedicating the Park in the memory of her late husband Illinois State Police Trooper Gerald Wayne Ellis.

- v. Thank you for your time and dedication.
Mary thanked each of the Board members for their time and dedication.
Gina will be sending pictures of the new walking path.

8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

- i. Camp Crayon Preschool Update – Classroom in a Box
Jeff inquired about District 34 and what they are doing about school. Mary told the Board that schools have more then 10 students in a class. Camp Crayon will only have 10 students to 2 teachers. Jeff told Mary she did an amazing job with Summer Day Camp; Mary told the Board she will follow the same guidelines for Camp Crayon as she did this past summer with camp.
Covid waiver will be used, no snacks will be passed out. Everyone must feel safe. Lori Flade has been our E-Learning teacher for the past couple of months for our employee’s children, right now she has 6 students. Never has she not felt safe. Mary spoke with the Camp Crayon Teachers, at this point the plan is to re-open Camp Crayon on January 18th. All precautions will be taken to make sure everyone stays safe. The teachers will let Mary know whether they plan on coming back.
Mary has a plan for Camp, the Parks Building will have the 2-3-year-old upstairs and the 4-year-old classes downstairs, the Scout House and Senior Center will have the 3-year-old.
- ii. Youth Sports
All sports are on hold. Mary will re-evaluate and see if we can re-open, if not Mary will have Bernadette refund the families for the classes that they missed. The District 34 school will not allow us to use their gym space, so the only place that we could use would be the parks gym, which has limited space.
- iii. Winter Break Camp
Only 1 parent signed their child up for Winter Break Camp. Mary canceled the camp. 10 kids are needed in order to make this camp possible.
- iv. Ski and Skate Resale Recap
Mary collected 38 items this year. Sold only 10 items. \$22.00 was brought in, there was no donations.

9. SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT

1. Drive by Santa Event

The Santa Drive By has been slow, but the people that have attended, have enjoyed their visit with Santa. The remaining dates are December 18th & 19th. 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Williams Park. Volunteers are needed each day.

2. Winter Wine Walk update

We will be having a Winter Wine Walk in 2021, like the Fall Wine Walk, we will have 4 different times for people to register for, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and 1:45 pm – 3:45. We will check in 50 people every 45 minutes.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Next Meeting: January 20, 2020

Other Business:

Jim asked Mary if the slide at the pool is getting fixed? Mary told the Board that it is in the plans to be repaired this spring. Jim also thanked everyone for all their help this past year. Bill wanted to thank Mary, Toni and Bernadette for everything they have done this past year. And Happy Holidays. Paul also wanted to thank the staff for everything they do and wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Gina questioned if any plants or bushes will be replanted at the end of the path of the Tiffany Bike Path. She noticed that there is only straw on the right side of the path. Mary explained that the equipment was there, Bill also told the Board that in order for the path to be in compliance with state so much dirt needs to be taken out and then replaced, so they re-seeded the area and placed straw on top. Jeff apologized he could not make it to the Santa Drive by on Saturday, Jeff also wished everyone Happy New Year and be safe. Cedric is looking forward to 2021 but knows that we won't be normal until 2022. Cedric told the Board that it has been a blessing working with everyone this past year. Lori wished everyone a Merry Christmas and see you next year. Mary reminded everyone that until further notice the Park Department will only have 1 person in the office at a time, the staff will be alternating days.

There being no further discussion, Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:04 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary