

**Village of Antioch Park Commission- 7:00 P.M.**  
**Virtual Meeting Public Access Code 889 1249 5309**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the January 20, 2021 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:07 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 Flade to approve the December 16, 2020 minutes with corrections. Upon roll call, the vote was:

**Yes: 6:**

**No: 0.**

**Absent:**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

None: Lindsey Nemcek attended the Zoom meeting.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Jim spoke with Tim from Northbridge Church regarding what Antioch needs, the church would like to help somehow in the community. It was brought up that Open Arms is always looking for food for the pantry. The Traveling Closet will be looking for volunteers to help with the clothing drive this Spring. Volunteers will assist the drop off in the parking lot at the Senior Center. Mary told the Board that Open Arms is always looking for items that can't be purchased with the Link card that most residents have, items such as toilet paper, female products, etc.

Jim told the Board that in the past Antioch would have a clothing drive for 3 days, that would take place behind the store. Jim asked if the Village owned the property that is behind the bath house, Toni explained to the Board that the Medical Center people own 5 acres behind the bath house, where the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks are set off. The small park between Rustic & Reclaimed and the Barker Towne building could use some sprucing up, new bushes, new plants. May-be install tables and chairs so people could sit and relax. Bill asked if the gazebo will be replaced, may-be the church could build one. Jim asked Mary if the Woman's Garden Club wanted to maintain the park, they already do the park near JJ Blinkers. It was mentioned that the Chinese Restaurant on Main Street is now closed, perhaps a mural painted on the side of the building. Jim told the Board that he never got the chance to see the path at Petersen Park was mulched yet. The last time he was there, he was only able to get ¾ of the way down the path.

## **7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- i). New Trustee Liaison  
Mary reminded the Board that since Dan Yost resigned, the Village Board appointed a new Trustee to take over the remaining time left. Mayor Hanson has appointed Mary Haley Petersen to fill the vacancy. Mary Petersen will be the new Park Board Liaison.
- ii). Aquatic Center update  
The Village has posted on the IPRA site, Operations Manager for our Aqua Center. Mary has been receiving quotes for the slide. Bob has been cleaning the guard shack getting it ready for the 2021 season. The Aqua Center will still be planning on opening Memorial Day weekend. The Village Board is hoping we will be in Phase 5 by the time we are to open the Aqua Center.

## **8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- i. Camp Crayon Preschool Update  
On February 15<sup>th</sup>, Camp Crayon will be opening for the 4-year-old program. Mary told the Board she needs 20 kids for the program, otherwise she will open the 3-year-old class. Mary has planned a Virtual Open House for Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Priority registration will begin on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Mary also informed the Board that she is currently working on the Spring/Summer Brochure.
- ii. Youth Sports  
Hotshot Sports is currently taking registration for the February classes. All classes will be held at the Parks gym.

## **9. SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

1. Winter Wine Walk update  
Toni explained to the Park Board that the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Wine Walk has been postponed the targeted date is February 20, 2021. The State will not issue Liquor Licenses yet, not until Illinois is back in phase 4. Mary has been in contact with the Liquor Commissioner regarding our event. Mary explained to Gina how the resolution works, since none of the bars or restaurants in Antioch have tents any longer, they cannot participate in the wine walk, Toni did ask the Board members if anyone of them would like to pour wine at the February wine walk instead of check in. Jeff mentioned that he is experienced.
2. Upcoming Events  
Toni went over all the upcoming events such as the Mother Son Bowling, and how it will be changing, due to the Pandemic. Toni has been in touch with Leah from the Antioch Bowling Center, we will be able to have the event in March, but only using every other lane for a total of 65 people in each session. We will start with 2 sessions,

11:30 am and 1:30 pm. If we need to add the 3:30 pm time slot, Leah said she will allow it. We will need volunteers for both sessions, to help set up, serve pizza and water bottles, and clean up.

## **10. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2020 Nothing that is standing out on this report.

**Next Meeting:** February 17, 2021

### **Other Business:**

Paul asked Mary if the trees around the flag pole will be cut back. Mary will contact Sherry at the Public Works to confirm they will be trimming the trees this spring. Paul also mentioned that the Antioch VFW is open, and the Queen of Hearts will soon be returning. Gina told the Board she would love to see the alley by the Barker Shoppe made into a trendy alleyway sitting area, with cute tables a lots of string lights inviting. Could be tied into the new bar. Also, a place to sit and have coffee. Jeff agreed with Gina, it would also help other businesses in town. May-be the Village should hire a local designer to design the park. Debbie from Rustic is a designer. Cedric asked Mary if she has posted information on Facebook yet regarding the Wine Walk being postponed and the new date. Mary told the Board that Toni has informed everyone that purchased tickets by email that it is postponed, then emailed everyone from the last 3 years of wine walks that a new date of February 20<sup>th</sup> will be approved at the next Village Board meeting.

There being no further discussion, Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:44 pm.

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Chairman Jim Weber

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Toni Galster, Secretary