

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the February 17, 2021 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:03 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, Village Trustee/Park Liaison, Mary J. Pedersen.

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 January 20, 2021 minutes with corrections. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 6:

No: 0.

Absent:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None:

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jim welcomed Mary Pedersen as our newest Village Trustee and Park Board Liaison. Jim also reminded the Park Board that Saturday, February 20, 2021 will be our Winter Wine Walk. Jim asked Mary what should be expected for the volunteers for this event. Mary asked the Board, those that are volunteering to be at the Senior Center at 11:30 am.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mary Quilty also welcomed Mary Pedersen as the newest Village Trustee and introduced each Park Board member to Mary.

i). **IAPD Legislative Breakfast**

Mary passed out flyers regarding the next Legislative Breakfast Zoom meeting And encouraged the Park Board to attend it if they could.

ii). **4th of July**

Mary Quilty and Mary Pedersen will be meeting with Jim Keim on Friday to talk About the 4th of July. Mary Pedersen mentioned to the Park Board that the 4th of July parade used to go down to North Ave. The Village should extend the parade to help with the social distancing concerns. Mary explained to the Park Board that Jim Keim would like to see the Parks Department have some type of entertainment during the day. He would like to see bands, food, softball homerun derby, tug of war, dunk tank, may-be pie eating contest, face painting, between the parade and fireworks. Jeff asked Mary what would happen if we had only the parade and fireworks? Mary told the Board that last year we had planned on only having the parade and fireworks, but then Covid hit and we ended up not having anything. Paul would like to see us plan for all the events; the Village can always cancel them if something changes. Mary asked the Board for their ideas; she needs to put something in the flyer for the back of the Parks Brochure. It was suggested that may-be we could have Hula Hoop contests, Musical Chairs, Limo contests and then have the band start at 7:00 pm until the fireworks start.

iii). **Eagle Scout Projects**

Paul and Mary met with Mathew Stanek a Eagle Scout. The meeting was to determine what project Mathew could do for the community. Paul has a punch list with many items that would be a great project. Mary will be speaking to Sherry at Public Works to see what projects she may need completed. The totem pole needs serious repairs and painting.

Paul explained to the Park Board what an Eagle Scout is and what their Project are about. An Eagle Scout is the Highest Rank in Scouts, they are respected in the community, if the Eagle Scout goes into the Military they are promoted immediately. Paul himself was an Eagle Scout himself in 1982, his project was to clear all the trees and bushes that were once in Williams Parks, his project took 120 hours. Another project Paul did was to take stones and rocks and line the pond at the Sawmill which took roughly 150 hours. Paul explained that the project an Eagle Scout does is for the Community, it can take up to 3 years to complete and should be completed before the Eagle Scout turns 18 years old. It should be in Planning the project, the Financing of the project and the Executing of the project. Mary asked the Board to email her any ideas that they may think of. Mary told the Board she would like to see the Military Tank on Toft painted.

8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

i. **Camp Crayon Preschool Update**

Mary explained the Camp Crayon Registration, and how many are already signed up for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Camp Crayon 2020-2021 started today with seven 4-year old's at the Parks building and eight 4-year old's at the Scout House. Mary could not get enough teachers to open the 3-year-old programs or 2-year-old

programs. Mary has reached out to her current teachers to see if they know of any teachers looking for teaching jobs.

ii. Youth Sports / Hot Shot Sport

Mary explained to the Board that even though the Governor orders have allowed us to open, unfortunately enrollment is still few to none. No one is signing up for the classes. Mary told the Board she is hoping March classes will take off.

iii. Programing Guide

Mary told the Board that she is close to finishing the Program Guide, it should be in the mailboxes by March 22nd. Gina asked Mary if it is possible for her to review it before it goes to print.

iv. Summer Employment

Mary is now accepting applications in for the Summer Day Camp Counselors and the Lifeguards, Swim Instructors and Concessions help at the Antioch Aqua Center.

9. SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT

1. Winter Wine Walk update

Toni explained how the wine walk will take place. There are 3 time that wine walkers could choose from. 2 out of the 3 were sold out. The 12:15 pm time slot only had 31 wine walkers. Toni asked if any of the Board members would like to volunteer at check in. Toni needed help at 11:30 am at the Senior Center.

2. Upcoming Events

Included in the Agenda Packet were flyers for the Chamber program guide. Toni explained the upcoming events that she has listed for the summer and fall months.

3. Presenting Paul with Flag that flew over the State Capital

Toni presented Commissioner Hettich with a US State Flag that flew over the Capital On December 16, 2020 in his honor. This flag will fly over the Sawmill when the flagpole has been repaired and the trees have been trimmed.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2021 Nothing that is standing out on this report.

Mary told the Board that the Budget will be presented at the COW meeting next week. This is a Pre-Budget Draft. Mary told the Board about the outrageous \$2000.00 phone bill at the Aqua Center. Lori told Mary to check to see if the bill included the alarm system along with the phone bill. Mary will be looking into it.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2021

Other Business:

Paul asked Mary and the Board if it would be possible for the Antioch VFW to raise the flag at the Bandshell before each concert. Toni told the Board that she has offered the Brass Band that played at the Santa Drive By to play before the It's Thursday Concert. Paul will have the Color Guard perform the raising of the flag before each concert.

Jeff asked Mary if she requested seasonal employment in the budget. Jeff would like to see the person hired for the Parks Department to be able to fix swings and slides, weed whip, mulch, and any other park maintenance. Jeff and the rest of the Board would like this person to be a dedicated Parks person. Jeff also asked Mary if she has started a plan for the Parks maintenance program yet? Paul reminded the Board that in the Lake County Forest Preserves there are no dumpsters where people could dump their garbage. The only dumpsters they have are at their maintenance buildings. Bill asked Mary if it was possible to install NO DUMPING signs at each of the Parks dumpsters? Lori asked Mary if the problem at the Bandshell park has been taken care of yet. Mary confirmed it was.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Rosenthal to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:19 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary