

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

Park Walk thru at Sprenger Park – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the May 19, 2021 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:07 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Rentner, Wolf, Flade and Chairman Weber, Others present were: Parks & Recreation Acting Director and Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Village Board Liaison Petrina Burman and, Park Board Secretary Toni Galster, Absent Commissioners Hettich, Rosenthal, and Johnson.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Rentner to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes with corrections from Commissioner Wolf. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4:

No: 0.

Absent: Hettich, Rosenthal, Johnson

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Weber started the meeting with welcoming our new Parks Liaison Petrina Burman, tonight will be her first Park Board meeting. Jim sent everyone is letter that Gina will be reading at the next Committee of the Whole meeting that will be on May 26th. Jim asked Mary if she had heard anything regarding the bike path yet. Mary explained it hasn't rained yet so they can not contact the architects that designed it to come out and fix the problem. Mary will check with Sherry at Public Works to confirm that the architect has been contacted and will come out to fix the problem if there is one. Mary will have her findings on Friday's weekly report. Jim asked Mary if she had a chance to review the magazine, she left him regarding equipment the Parks might consider purchasing in the future. Jim told the Park Board that the equipment in this magazine are regular prices, not ADD compliant. ADD equipment will be a lot more money. Mary told Jim she hasn't had the chance yet to review it but will this week. Lori asked Jim if and when we build the new playground at Centennial will it be completely ADD compliant? Or can we build it and not advertise that its ADD compliant? Would it be cheaper. Mary told the Board that a regular swing is normally \$150.00, these u-shape swings are breaking already and to replace just those, its \$288.00 each.

Mary explained that to purchase an ADD swing, the safety belt alone is \$225.00 making the new swing over \$513.00 for a ADD compliant swing.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- i) Centennial Park – Village Board Meeting
Mary explained to the Board that in order to move forward with any plans for Centennial Park, we need to get the approval of the Village Board. We need to make sure they understand that Centennial Park is at the end of its life. We will need the approval of the Board in order to apply for any grants. Northbridge Church would like to get involved. They have people that can assist with the grant writing. Mary also explained that we will need to get the Marketing firm that the Village has hired, to help us with getting the word out to the public that we need to replace this park.
Gina will be reading Jim's letter to the Village Board on May 26th.
Mary asked the Park Board to put together a list of ideas, Sponsorships from local businesses. How and when do we present it to the residents of Antioch. Gina said that we need to prepare a message to the public and keep being transparent about everything. Once we start posting on social media what is happening, we need to know how to answer these questions that they will have. Mary said that the Village Board will discuss it at the Committee of the Whole meeting and make their decision at the June 14th Village Board meeting, it will then become public knowledge.
- ii). Petrina Burman – Parks Liaison
Jim and Mary both welcomed Petrina to the Park Board.
- iii). Financial Assistance / Scholarship
Mary explained to the Board that the Scholarship program that the Parks Department has is for in house programs only, Camp Crayon, Summer Day Camp And Pool Passes. Bernadette is keeping track of the applications that come in. Lori asked if we have reached out to the Social Workers at Hillcrest and AUGS that are already helping families in need? Lori also asked what is the Parks cap on scholarships? How much has the Parks Department given away so far? Mary also told the Board that we are keeping track of all our give-a-way's. Toni gives Wine Walk Tickets and Pool Passes and \$15.00 credit on the winners account away at all her events. Bernadette has been giving away pool passes to Local organizations for their fundraisers. Dawn the pool manager requested 20 daily pool passes for customers that might be upset about something that happened at the pool.
- iv). Park Inspections due first Wednesday of the month
Mary asked the Board to please do their park inspections on the first Wednesday of the month. Bill also added he would like to see a basketball court

put back in Centennial Park when we re-construct the park. Bill asked Mary if the Village could pour a basketball slab at Williams Park?

Mary and Bill were at Sprenger Park for the walk through tonight, Mary said the Basketball courts were full. Mary asked if Sprenger Park is the only park with full basketball court? Bill asked Mary, when did the Village replace the fence at Mary's Park, or is it the old fence still? Mary will check with Public Works to see what the status is on the fence.

v). **New Ideas**

Jim asked Mary if there are volleyball courts at North Park, and if A walking path around the pond could be constructed.

8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

i. Camp Crayon Preschool Update

Camp Crayon registration is slow and steady. Mary told the Board the closer we get to fall; the classes will fill up. Graduation is Friday, May 21st at the Bandshell anyone interested in coming should arrive before 10:00 am. Mary told the Board that she had a community service lady make all the caps for the kids, and she had Nanny Nicky perform after the graduation for everyone.

ii. Bike Resale Re-Cap

The bike resale was a success, 107 were collected, 57 were sold, 50 unsold. 13 bikes were donated to Working Bikes Organization. \$522.00 was collected.

iii. Summer Day Camp

Day camp registration has been picking up. Kiddie Kamp is at 24, Camp Sunshine Is at 58, Camp Adventures is at 72 and the Teen Travelers has 5 kids registered. Camp will start on Monday, June 7th.

iv. Aqua Center Passes

Dawn is currently certifying her staff; Mary will be posting on Facebook that the Aqua Center is still looking for lifeguards.

We have only sold 24 individual passes, 12 family pool passes, 3 senior passes, and 9 employees have taken advantage of the free family pool pass.

Mary reminded the Board that they are entitled to family pool passes.

Mary told the Board the closer we get to opening days, passes will pick up.

9. SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT

1. Mother Daughter Re-Cap

Mother Daughter Bingo went well, Toni thanked Lori Flade for all her help again.

We had all 3 sessions filled. Total of 158 ladies signed up. Profit this year \$1063.26

2. Daddy Daughter Bowling Re-Cap

Another great event. Thanks to Lori helping it was a lot of fun for all the dads and their daughters. After surveying the dads, probably 85% of them prefer bowling over the dance. We sold 109 tickets for only 1 session. Profit was \$81.93

3. Summer Wine Walk

Summer Wine Walk tickets are still on sale. Second timeslot is sold out, first timeslot Still have at least 80 available. The businesses are now responsible for their own pourers, which will help with the cost of this event. Toni asked the Board if anyone could help with check in.

4. Upcoming Events

Concerts will begin on Thursday, June 10th. The Antioch Moose is ready to serve food and beer. The Street Market and Kids Flea Market will begin on Sunday, June 27th in the parking lot on Skidmore.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Reports for the period ending April 30, 2021 Nothing that is standing out on this report.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2021 Park Walk will be at Sprenger Park at 6:30 pm

Other Business:

None

There being no further discussion, Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Flade to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:50 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary