

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

7:00 p.m. Village Hall 874 Main Street Antioch, IL 60002

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Park Board Chairman Paul Hettich called the September 15, 2021 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 p.m..

2. ROLL CALL

Rentner	<u> X </u>	Hettich	<u> X </u>	Sural	<u>Absent</u>
Rosenthal	<u> X </u>	DiBenedetto	<u>Absent</u>	Parks Director	<u> X </u>
Flade	<u> X </u>	Weber	<u>Absent</u>	Program Supervisor	<u> X </u>
Commission Secretary	<u> X </u>				

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The acting Antioch Park Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Rentner to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes.
All in favor?

YES: 4

No:

Absent: 2

5. COMMUNICATIONS: N/A

6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: N/A

7. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Special Events Coordinator Position- Director Quilty reported that they have started the interview process. Director Quilty & Clerk Romine have interviewed one candidate so far and are in the process of scheduling more interviews. Member Rosenthal asked what the process is? Who interviews? Director Quilty explained that Administrator Keim has been out of the office, but he will be included in on the interviews, as well as herself & Village Clerk, Lori Romine. The Village is currently still taking applications for the position.

B. Bike Path – Director Quilty said that after the storms we had 2 weeks ago, she went out and walked the Bike path. She said that there was no water pooling on the path. She

also showed pictures that she took when she was out at the path. All commission members seemed to be pleased with the photos, saying that it was much better, and they could “finally take that off the list”.

- C. Wine Walk – Director Quilty said that the next Wine walk is scheduled for September 25th. She said that it is going to be a good event, and the Parks department is ready. There will be a Photo Booth at the corner of Toft and Lake street, for participants to have photos taken. They will be \$5.00 for a strip, and the cost would offset the cost of Photo Booth rental. She also stated that the Marketing Firm retained by the Village will be there as well, unveiling the new Village Logo, and looking for input from participants for future Wine Walks. Director Quilty said that the Wine glasses will have the new logo, as well as the new tote bags given to participants. She showed the Commission members a photo of the new bags.
- D. Street Market – The last Antioch Street Market for the year will be on Sunday, the 26th. Director Quilty is still working on reaching out to local restaurants to attract more vendors. At this time, none of them have committed. Director Quilty did say, that we did have a new vendor call her asking to participate. They were originally going to participate at the Tractor Supply market, but Tractor Supply canceled. Member Hettich asked about a few Facebook comments that he saw regarding the Street Market, asking about the Fee the Village Charges for vendors to participate. Director Quilty said that we have done away with the fee, in order to attract more vendors. Member Hettich also asked about the Village requiring a Certificate of Liability insurance? Director Quilty said that it is something that vendors need to have. Director Quilty asked Secretary Alcozer if she could explain it a little? Secretary Alcozer explained that a Certificate of Insurance is required of anyone doing anything on Village property. It just covers the Village if anything should happen. Member Hettich asked why Tractor Supply does not require it for their events? Secretary Alcozer stated that she was not sure. Perhaps because it is conducted on Private property.
- Director Quilty said that she was saddened to report that Member Wolf has decided to resign her post as Commission member after 14 years of service. All members said that they would like to do something for her, as well as Member Johnson who also recently stepped down. Director Quilty said she would look into it.

8. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

- a. Camp Crayon – Supervisor Johnson said that Camp Crayon Started last week, and everything has been going really well. The 2 & 3-year-old programs are growing, and the 4-year-old program is almost full.

- b. Aqua Center passes – Supervisor Johnson said that the pool had a great season. Program fees were down a little, but she is encouraged that next year will be better. There was a survey conducted about the pool, and there were no negatives. The only thing that residents requested was more communication to parents regarding swim lessons. Water Aerobics class was very popular with approximately 25 – 30 participants in each class.
- c. Aqua Center recap - Supervisor Johnson said that she was very happy that the Village had 12 Certified Swim instructors this year. She is hoping that next year, we will have even more. Supervisor Johnson introduced a diving class this year, and expects that it will really take off, and we will have even more kids sign up next year. Member Rosenthal asked if supervisor Johnson had compared any of the statistics to 2019 before Covid? Supervisor Johnson said that she had, and concessions were about the same, but that attendance was up. She stated that she had not subtracted staff salaries, or maintenance supplies. Director Quilty, showed her some figures for salaries, and maintenance, and at a glance, it was still unclear if the pool showed an overall profit. Member Rosenthal asked if the final numbers could be taken to the board at budget time. He would like to see any profit made by the parks department, stay at the parks department for re-investment in parks programs, and the pool itself. Supervisor Johnson stated that would be great, but that is not the way things work. Member Rosenthal then asked about the Budget, and timing for pool items for next season. Director Quilty said that the current budget goes through the end of May. Member Rosenthal said that we really need to plan a year ahead, because there are things that need to get done in March, which would have to be budgeted for the previous June. Supervisor Johnson said that the biggest item is air conditioning. That needs to be done. Pool lights & adding another slide are also on the list. Painting will happen in the spring because it is in the current budget.
- d. Fall & Winter preview – Supervisor Johnson said there are a few new things planned for the fall and winter.

She will be doing a Personal Training class in the gym. It is a 45-minute class, and the first one went very well.

Dawn said she is currently looking for 2 yoga instructors, for yoga classes.

Kids in the Kitchen program. It will teach children ages 4-9 Kitchen safety, as well as how to make a few snacks, and meals.

Parents night out is continuing, at this time, they only have one parent signed up.

Christmas events – At home Santa Visits, Chuck Haley who has been our Santa for years, cannot do it this year, so Director Quilty has been interviewing Santa's and believes she has found someone who goes by Santa Leo. She also has one other person who has approached her to be Santa. Member Flade asked if Director Quilty had reached out for

any Sponsors for these events, Director Quilty said she has not. The Parks Department is currently short staffed, and she has not had the time.

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Acting Chairman Hettich asked if anyone had any questions on this item. There were none.

Next Meeting – October 20, 2021 It was asked if the Commission should visit the Sawmill. After Member Flade checked the time of Sunset on October 20th, it was determined that the commission would need to suspend their park visits until next spring.

Other Business: Acting Chairman Hettich asked the Commission members if they had any questions or comments?

Flade – October 2nd Little Miss Antioch is doing a pajama drive and would like to see the Village put the word out for her. Director Quilty said that she would get something out.

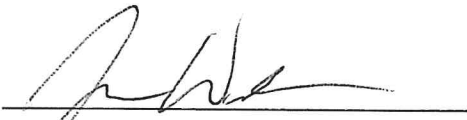
Rosenthal – Member Rosenthal said that he had two items. 1. He was asking about Osmond Sports Complex. What is the involvement of the Village? Director Quilty explained that the Village and the Township are in the process of drafting a new park co-op agreement. It will make things clear as to who is responsible for what. She stated that the Township has been doing extensive work on the park area, and the Village is sharing in the cost, per our original co-op agreement which expires in 2022. Member Rosenthal asked if it was possible to construct a road that would be an entrance to Osmond sports complex from Route 173. He believes that it would bring more people into the park and would offer another parking area in the upper area of the park where there is currently an empty field. Director Quilty did not believe that was possible, because the Village does not own the property off of 173, and there are parts of Osmond sports complex that cannot be built on. 2. Member Rosenthal also asked about the Soccer teams. He said they are back, and the field located in the clublands is all mud. He wanted to know if the Village was going to do any maintenance on the field, or the area that the soccer parents are using as a parking lot. Member Flade asked if we charge organizations to use our fields, Director Quilty said we do not. Director Quilty said she would drive out and take a look at the field.

Rentner – Member Rentner would like Director Quilty to follow up on the Brush at Pedersen Park. He said that there is a pile of brush on the right side of the driveway when you come into the parking area. Director Quilty said she would talk to Public Works director Heimbrodt to have it removed. Member Rentner also said that he would like to look into the possibility of having a dog park here in Antioch. Member Hettich said that in his experience working for Lake County, the issues with having a dog park are extreme. He gave examples, of police having to be called for dog bites, smash and grabs happening in the parking lots, as well as maintenance that would be required by public works. After some discussion, it was determined that it may not be a good idea, given the burden it would place on Village resources.

Hettich – Started by thanking everyone for their help and participation in the 9/11 ceremony that was held in Oakwood knolls. Member Hettich also asked what time he should report to help with the Wine Walk on the 25th. Director Quilty said 11:00 a.m. Member Hettich asked who from the Parks Department would be running the event. Director Quilty said herself and Supervisor Johnson would be present.

Member Hettich asked about the Homecoming parade, and said that if they wanted, he could have the color guard participate. There will be a Veterans Day event at the VFW. The Scouts will be involved. Member Hettich asked if it was possible to get internet at the Scout House? Director Quilty asked why? Member Hettich stated that it would be helpful for scouts, and scout leaders for merit badges, because everything is now online. Director Quilty said that she did not believe the Village Board would support the cost, however if the Scouts wanted to pay for it, she would feel more comfortable asking the Village Board. Member Hettich said that he would check with the Scouts to see if that is something they would want to do. Member Hettich also asked how he could get a key for the Scout house since he is there a lot. Director Quilty told him he would need to contact his Scout Master. They have a key.

There being no further discussion, Member Flade, moved, seconded by Member Rosenthal to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:56p.m.



Chairman Jim Weber



Rachel Alcozer, Secretary