

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday,

6:30 p.m. Village Hall 874 Main Street Antioch, IL 60002

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the, 2022 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:34pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Hettich	<u> x </u>	Sural	<u> x </u>		
Hartman	<u> </u>	DiBenedetto	<u> x </u>	Parks Director	<u> x </u>
Flade	<u> x </u>	Weber	<u> x </u>	Program Supervisor	<u> x </u>
Misch	<u> x </u>	Commission Secretary	<u> x </u>		

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Antioch Park Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to approve the March 16, 2021, minutes.
All in favor?

YES: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

6. COMMUNICATIONS: none

- 7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Commissioner Weber started off the meeting talking about volunteerism. How important it is being at events and seeing and knowing what happens. Mary agreed and said that if for any reason a trustee can't come to an event, they should email her. Hettich complimented Maritza on a great job of the Easter parade and egg hunt. He did discuss the huge gap in the Easter parade. The topic of volunteers came up again and needing more at events. DiBenedetto asked if we could have some sort of incentive system for volunteers Misch brought up volunteering so many events and getting a pool pass. Mary said the only problem with that is it would be for the next year's summer pool pass. Hettich said there are 27 different civil associations in Antioch that we could attempt to reach out to. Flade discussed having more help during Thursday night concerts. Sural commented he didn't realize he had to be a volunteer at Easter. He asked if future emails could explain how many volunteers are needed for events and what jobs need to be done. Weber commented that he visited his parks and filled out his survey forms. He thinks there should be a excel spread sheets to fill out and view what needs to

be done and what public works has fixed. Weber found a company called Ann Arbor that helps with sponsorships. Mentioned they have a rule that after ten years the sponsored gift, which could be a tree, plaque or bench could be moved or taken away. Flade brought up the fact that the Easter parade was so slow because people handing out candy and stopping to do so. Mary suggested that at registration people should be told that their cars must constantly move and cannot stop. DiBenedetto has had many towns people ask why so many political floats in the parades. Hettich and Weber both agreed its freedom of speech for them to be in the parade. Flade suggested trying to get more local businesses involved in the parade. Hettich suggested having a sign put up on Skidmore telling people that the road Infront of the bandshell is closed on parade day and smaller chains on the gates so people can't just open them.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Village and Township agreed to IGA. The village will still own the senior center, but the township will now run the activities in it. Paul retires April 29, and the senior center will be closed beginning of May till June 6th for cleaning and renovations. Mary met with Fischer paper and they want to get involved in sponsorship. It is their 50th year in Antioch. They are interested in adopting a park or donating trees and park benches, also annual clean up events. DiBenedetto suggested a bid system on sponsorships. Flade suggested renaming the bandshell with the highest paid sponsor. New events happening this year will be a ghost walk the week of harvest fest. US paranormal research. Flade suggested Max paranormal since he's local in Antioch. Sural suggested having 95 WILL Rock involved. 4th of July will have local heroes nominated for Hero's Among Us. Anyone interested in nominating a person may send the info to Maritza.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Camp crayon numbers for Mon, Wed and Fri of next year in the 4-year-olds is already booked. Mon Wed and Fri in the 3-year-olds is almost full. Tuesday/Thursday graduation is May 19th and Mon-Friday is the 20th. A lot of people have signed up for camp already. The pool has enough lifeguards now in need of cashiers. Bob will fill the pool the 1st week of May. For the 10th year anniversary of the new pool being built there will be a luau. Free to members and 5 dollars for nonmembers. Swim lesson registration is going well, and some classes are already filled. Pool passes have gone on sale, but numbers are low so far, probably because of the cold. This year the first few weekends of the pool opening there will be a manger and cashier at the pool at 9 to sell and set up pool passes before operating hours.

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – For periods Ending March 31st, 2022

10. **Next Meeting** – May 18th at **6:30** p.m. at the Sawmill

11. **Other Business:** Flade brought up the queens at the Lake County pageant and how Jr miss Abigail Flade took third runner up. DiBenedetto talked about the Art Crawl starting May 7th with local students' art in businesses all around town. Hettich said the lions club is finally going to clean out building Saturday April 23rd but knows the village has stuff in it and will not touch it. Weber said he would be there to make sure everything goes smoothly. Hettich said Memorial

Day 9 am at Hillside cemetery they will be honoring the decedents of the Gossman family who fought in WW 2. June 9th is the first concert in the park, the following week June 16th color guard will be there as well as Abigail Flade will sing. Bike resale this coming weekend Saturday April 30th from 8-11. Mary asked if people could please volunteer.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:55p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary