

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

7:20 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 7:20pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Hettich	_____	Sural	___x		
Hartman	__x__	DiBenedetto	___x	Parks Director	___x__
Flade	__x__	Weber	___x	Program Supervisor	_____
Misch	__x__	Commission Secretary	__x_		

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Antioch Park Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Sural moved, seconded by Member Misch to approve the April 20th, 2022 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 by stating he was excited when he visited his park that everything on his check list was completed. Hartman and Weber discussed the flooding at Osmond's' bike path. Stating that it's been 3 years they have been asking for it to be fixed. Weber noted that last year was much dryer and the bike path didn't flood as bad as this year. Weber enjoyed walking through the Sawmill earlier that evening but hoping that mowing, weeding and planting flowers would make the space look much better. Adding electricity to the path was approved and should get done by July/August. He noted that he thinks they might need to upgrade the amp power. Weber also would like a sub pump to get all the water out of that area. Weber says he saw at least 3 inches of water the last time he was in here. Weber was contacted about a Springer park library box he emailed the woman back but has not received a response. Mary Quilty added that there are plans for a library box to be placed downtown as well. Flade brought up the point of would they all look consistent? Sural

asked how would they be maintained. Flade wondered how many years those boxes last for. Sural wondered if the parks office would be maintaining them. Flade said that it's the library wants to put them all over town. Mary commented that a lot of people have them in their yards. Flade asked who makes all the lending libraries. Sural suggested having to get them approved first and then keeping a list of where they all were. Misch brought up that the village could have a page on their website of all locations. Sural commented he just didn't want it to be like benches that just pop up anywhere. DiBenedetto asked is it possible to do something to have more maintenance for the parks, like mowing the grass. DiBenedetto asked if Mary Quilty could work with Dennis and present a parks maintenance plan and schedule to the board at the next meeting." Mary answered that mowing is contractual. Weber stated he's seen Antioch public works mowing. DiBenedetto brought up the fact that she thinks the parks need weeding and new mulch. Mary started that winter has just ended and they haven't started those projects yet. Flade wondered if Dennis could come to the next meeting and give a plan for summer. Weber stated that the village liaison could tell them. Flade brought up that since 2018 the same things are brought up every year and no change and she's frustrated by that. Mary said engineers said the bike path was fixed. Weber stated that its clearly not fixed. Sural said he's also frustrated with nothing changing. Misch suggested that the village liaison should come to all meetings. DiBenedetto said she's trying to understand how it works for the parks board to make suggestions. Who do they talk to when things aren't happening? Mary suggestion writing it all down and emailing Dennis. DiBenedetto asked what as parks commission they could do to help more. Weber discussed that 2 years ago there were 2 dedicated parks people. Mary said they they only worked on the baseball field. Sural said he use to see people pulling weeds but doesn't see that anymore. Mary said its been somewhere between 5 or 6 years since they had summer help. Flade suggested hiring a new company to do weeding.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Mary started off with saying the senior center is painted. The floors were to be done the weekend after the meeting. Mary commented that it looks beautiful in the senior center and is due to reopen June 6th. She said everything is going well and the seniors are all happy. It will be open 9-3 Monday – Thursday, Catholic Charities will be doing the lunches. Seniors get one hot lunch and a cold to take home. Sural asked what the senior center building is used for now. Mary said there are activities in the building day and night. Sural asked if it was a good space to do events in. Mary said because of all the activities it can't be rented out for another year. Mary brought up the June 9th Will Rock Thursday night bandshell concert. She said they were expecting a ton of people. Rivalry and The Lodge would be selling beverages. She said there would be two wrist band tables checking id's along with food trucks and security. Mary asked who planned to volunteer. Royal Bliss would be playing, and they have a huge following. Misch asked what time to show up and for what jobs. Mary said she knew at least 4 volunteers checking IDs. DiBenedetto suggested more for the first hour. Mary also said no coolers would be allowed. Misch asked if people would be asked to leave if they brough coolers. Mary said she would set up a meeting with Hartmann, Sural and Weber. Hartmann brought up that he thought there wouldn't be enough room for food. Sural said that it was such a large band he agreed but with a smart layout it could work. Flade suggested blocking off the parking lot the day before. Mary said the bike resale went well. 77 items were sold all remaining children's bikes were picked up

by an organization that gave them to families in Antioch. Mother/Daughter bingo had 95 registered. Discussed bringing back the daddy/daughter dance. Where would they have it though. Upcoming wine walk June 4th. Misch asked if there was a sign-up list for volunteers. Maybe giving 10% off camp crayon for helping and volunteering. Flade suggested having little league and Vikings help. Sural said they are required any number of hours to volunteer but they should. DiBenedetto brought up that volunteer hours for some people who might have a lot going on with family and work. She suggested having a table June 9th asking for volunteers. Di Benedetto suggested Mary and team create a volunteer database, recruitment and retention plan to share with the board since volunteers are so important to programming. Next meeting Wednesday June 15th 6:30 at Osmond Brothers.

9. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** 280 kids registered for camp already. Session 1 & 2 all levels are booked. Waiting list is very long and planning on asking staff if they will teach night classes. Already selling pool passes and got new passes this year.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – For periods Ending

9. **Next Meeting** –at **6:30** p.m.

Other Business:

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Member Hartmann moved, seconded by Member Flade to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary