

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

7:04 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 7:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Antioch Park Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Hartman moved, seconded by Member DiBenedetto to approve the Wednesday May 18, 2022 minutes. All in favor?

YES: 4

No: 0

Absent: 3

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

6. COMMUNICATIONS: none

- 7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Commissioner Weber started off the meeting discussing that of May of last year the board talked about Centennial Park and the Sawmills makeovers. He added that the longer those projects are neglected the more expensive it will be when they are fixed. He suggested creating phases to help the projects along. An example was Phase 1 getting sponsors. Weber then asked the board if they thought if they should focus on one project or both. Hettich stated the Sawmill should be a priority and Centennial should be put on hold. He mentioned that North Bridge was building a half a million-dollar park and that the VFW and Lions club had already donated to that park. DiBenedetto thinks that the money in the capital improvement budget earmarked for the Sawmill should cover installing expanded electricity at the Sawmill this year, and that Centennial should be covered in the parks master plan. Weber stated that the master plan should start out Sawmill then Centennial. Mary mentioned that the parks master plan will help to get grant money. DiBenedetto asked if the master plan could have multiple

things being worked on at the same time. Weber suggested having the board decide what order things get done and not having a company decide. DiBenedetto said the company should advise the board. Weber suggested a plaque with all the names of people who donated or the possibility to buy bricks with people's names. Hettich asked what happened to the original master plan that Shawn Robbie had. The plan he saw had signage and boundary markers. Hettich started that over half the donated trees from deceased people are gone now. Mary mentioned that a lot of bricks are unreadable. Hettich suggested having some responsibility maintaining them but having a time limit. Weber stated that should be written in the master plan. DiBenedetto asked the details of the time for the master plan. Mary stated no one has been hired yet to make one. Weber said he went over to Centennial and the playground is looking bad. He doesn't know if it should be knocked down or roped off. Mary said the new master plan should state how it is maintained. Hartman asked how long for the master plan. Mary said about 18 months.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Mary started off by saying the Norther lights Special Olympics Agency would like to bring special recreation. They couldn't come to this meeting but hopefully would be able next month to discuss their ideas further. DiBenedetto asked if there were any legal requirements partnering for a group like that. Mary said no. Mary ended with telling they hired a new administrative assistant, Beth.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Mary started by talking about the pool, 105 pool passes sold. She brought up that Dawn created nighttime swim lesson because all level 1, 2 and preschool classes were fully booked. Mary mentioned that the only problem was people signing up for a level and then needing to switch. Mary said in 9 years they have never had to put a cap on camo but this year they had to. She believes so many kids registered for our camp was because other camps required covid vaccinations. She wondered if next year they should charge more for nonresidents. DiBenedetto thinks it's a good plan and to open early for residents. Also, a waitlist for cancelations for residents only. Mother/Daughter bingo went well at the VFW. Decided to have the Daddy/Daughter dance there. Will Rock concert went well all Thursday night t shirts were sold and close to 2700 people showed up. Many people didn't have ID's so for the future will post on Facebook to make sure to have them. DiBenedetto said being next to the Royal Bliss table really helped with sales. She suggested making t shirts and tank tops next time. DiBenedetto suggested raising t-shirt prices to \$20 and getting capabilities to accept credit cards for purchases. Sunday's children concerts went well, 150 people at the bandshell. Still waiting to hear from the high school if their bathrooms will be available during the fourth of July. Also, the hero's float needs more people on it. DiBenedetto asked if the float is for heroes who live in Antioch or work in Antioch. Hettich thought it should just be for people who live in Antioch. Mary said it was also for teachers who work in Antioch. Weber brought up the quiet zone of the parade. No sirens until after a certain spot. Hettich said at least half the kids at the parade have noise cancelling headphones. Mary said the summer camp kids loves the sirens. Hettich suggested having one truck with its siren. The Lions Club is throwing the 4th of July party at the pavilion at Williams. 6 food trucks along with porta potties and 2 bands. The State Bank is running the fourth of July 5k. Weber thought the wine walk went well. Hettich thinks there should be more snacks. Hettich said he heard a lot of comments about how nice the glasses were. Weber thinks they should sell necklaces that hold the glasses. DiBenedetto wondered if

restaurants involved in the wine walk should be required to supply food. She also wondered if public works had a set plan on how they worked on things. Mary said there is no set plan everyday is different because things come up. Weber questioned if they could get a punch list for the whole summer. Hettich said there should be a white board to see what they are doing and where. Hartman questioned how they are going to be able to take care of Pittman once it is done if we can't take care of the parks we already have.

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

10. **Next Meeting** –at **6:30** p.m.

Other Business: none

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Member Hartman moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:46p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary