

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, July 20th

7:09 p.m. Village Hall 874 Main Street Antioch, IL 60002

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the July 20th, 2022 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:09.

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> x </u>	Weber	<u> x </u>	Program Supervisor	<u> x </u>
Misch	<u> x </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 Hettich to approve the June 15th, 2021 minutes. All in favor?

YES: 6

No: 0

Absent: 1

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

6. COMMUNICATIONS: none

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Parks Board President_Weber started off the meeting saying he thought the 4th of July went well. He had a few concerns about authority. Him and Hettich were asked to move from the gate and asked to direct traffic. Weber felt like he needed to be at the gate to tell people where they needed to park. Quilty said that Maritza did an amazing job and is more than capable to run the parade next year by herself. Weber was glad the bathrooms were open this year for the use of people in the parade. He did notice that the men’s bathroom now only has stalls and no urinals which he said was a waste of water. Weber suggested having the board members meet a week before the parade next year to discuss the lineup. Weber thought that the Antioch police needed more communication from the Lake County Police. Also, with the Highland Park shooting having happened right before the start of the parade many people asked why Antioch went on with their parade. Hettich was notified right before the parade started. Quilty noted that the parade started a few minutes late because Antioch police took prevented

measures. Checking the route and roof tops. DiBenedetto asked what the process is for canceling events because of weather. Quilty informed her that Jim Kiem called her and discussed doing the fireworks because they were already purchased. Jim Kiem said to start the fireworks early at 8:50 because of the thunderstorms. Quilty asked if the board members would like to be notified in the future of time changes. Hettich said there was no need. DiBenedetto said she would appreciate some communication. Mary Pedersen said that Mayor Gartner called and asked what the trustee members wanted done. Misch said she heard positive feedback of the fireworks going off early. Weber brought up the use of more barriers maybe investing in water barriers that could be filled up and then just drained. Quilty brought up that it took 7 people 3 hours to put up signs for the 5k. Next year it will be up to the bank to put up those signs. Weber thought the quiet zone went well but should be moved down towards Rivalry (Park Ave) Hartman suggested only have one fire truck or none. Pedersen said lots of little kids don't like the noise from the fire trucks. DiBenedetto suggested talking to the fire department about not going full blast the whole time like Station 51 did. Quilty said that Maritza told the floats no music during the quiet zone, but it was supposed to be just the sirens. DiBenedetto said she thought the fire trucks and police did a great job. Flade stated she thought the point of the sirens was to let everyone know the parade started and asked why they go the whole time. Quilty said a lot of kids like the noise of the trucks and can't be taken away from those who like it. Pedersen suggested that not letting it be higher than a certain decidable.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Fischer paper wants to be the first company in the Adopt a Park program. Weber will be out of town next week but he will write up a memo for Fischer and appoint someone else to talk to them so they can get started. Hartman asked which park they wanted to adopt. They haven't decided yet but are really looking forward to having family involvement and helping the community. DiBenedetto asked what exactly the program is. Cleaning and maintaining and planting flowers. Hettich said like adopt a highway. Quilty said it was another set of hands doing all the stuff the board sees being needed at the parks. Basically, keeping the park beautiful. Misch asked who is paying for the supplies and repairs. Quilty said the parks office will supply them with trash bags and such. Flade asked if they would be weeding. Quilty said yes. Flade then asked if they could add flower beds and Quilty said no. Flade asked if there is insurance incase anyone gets hurt. Quilty said there is a disclaimer. Hettich stated that the scouts have the same thing but recommended making it minimum once a quarter. Quilty stated that they can sign up for weekly, monthly, or bi-monthly. Flade thinks it's a great program, but the contracts words needed to be changed. Quilty said if the board agrees that Weber should write up a memo. Hettich said he would read it for him when he is gone next week. The Christmas parade route is changing next year and will end at the bandshell with Santa. After the 4th of July and lack of volunteers Jim Moran is working on a volunteer program. Maritza has a group of 9 volunteers available to her. She wants to have a quarterly breakfast to say thank you. DiBenedetto likes the idea of the breakfast because it gets the volunteers together and they get to know one another. Moving on to harvest fest and the paranormal walk. The investigators say the parks office is haunted. The ghost walk is planned for the day before harvest fest and will be 40 dollars. If sign up goes well a second day will be added. Harvest will be an all-day event with Treat the Streets followed by events and games at the bandshell then a bonfire. Quilty wishes that horses could pull the hayride while Weber brought up the point that the truck is more

reliable and no waste to clean up afterwards. Tabulators are needed for the Miss Antioch pageant along with one more judge. Awful truth a local band is playing the Thursday night concert July 21st. Sunday's food truck festival will no longer have picnic tables. Maritza will be renting bistro tables from A-Z Rental. Next year the trucks will charge a fee to be involved and get their money back if they show up.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT Dawn** added her aquatic comparison of this year vs last year. Gas prices have risen this year and it was \$6400.00 last month to heat the pool. Jim Weber is being appointed Parks Board President. Quilty asked Hartman when the gutters would be fixed at Williams Park by the Lions club. Hartman answered after the BBQ.

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

10. **Next Meeting** –at **6:30** p.m. August 17th, 2022

Other Business: Flade started off with saying that she loves the flyers in the mail but last month she didn't get hers until after the 4th of July. Quilty said that wasn't the parks office fault or the company it that prints the flyers it was the postal service. Flade then asked if the parks office can invest in new steaks for the parade signs. DiBenedetto said she visited the sawmill and some teenagers were there. She talked with them and they said they love the picnic table over there. They also asked if there could be more garbage cans around. They told her they wished there was a basketball court closer to town. Flade comment that there was a discussion of basketball court last year. Weber said there use to be a double court at centennial but the houses on Gary's drive asked for it to be taken down because of all the loud kids swearing while playing. Quilty stated that Spring has basketball courts but that its kind of far and doesn't have a bike path. Hettich liked the map used during the 4th of July to show who had to park where. HE suggested writing the numbers larger in chalk on the ground next year. Once again there was a huge gap in the parade. Hettich thinks there should be more signage at the parks. Thinks that would help with complaints. He thinks Thursday night concerts are going well. Misch brought up that a lot of people told her they really enjoyed the quiet zone. She thinks it should be extended. Also, a lot of people have told her they are enjoying the concerts. People are enjoying the local bands.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hartman to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:29p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary