

## Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

7:03 p.m. Village Hall 874 Main Street Antioch, IL 60002

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the, Wednesday September 21st, 2022 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:03pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Hettich	<u>  x  </u>	Sural	<u>  x  </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>

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Antioch Park Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Hartman to approve the July 20th, 2022, minutes. All in favor?

**YES: 7**

**No: 0**

**Absent: none**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**: none

7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: Commissioner Weber started off the meeting that the Adopt a Park program was approved at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> village board meeting. The new Christmas parade route was also approved. Along with Santa on the stage and food trucks. Weber mentioned that the bid on the new Christmas lights for the tree lighting ceremony was a little high at \$4,583. He decided to look online and saw Home Depot had comparable lights for \$3,648 and Amazon had them for \$3,200. Weber asked if the quote from Temple included installation. Quilty answered that it did and buying the lights from Home Depot or Amazon would then also need to be put up and would have to pay someone else to do that. Weber brought up the point that the lights he was looking at are LED and last for up to ten years. Sural suggested using the lights at the new park once its completed and having the tree lighting ceremony there. Flade also agreed on moving the tree lighting ceremony over there. Sural said with the price of lights and installation being so high is there another option to do the tree and save on labor. He suggested putting the

lights on only the front of the tree. Flade asked if we had looked for local people to set up the lights. Quilty said the same company does the Christmas lights up and down trees on main street and would be doing them all at the same time. DiBenedetto asked if that was the only quote the board was given. Weber commented that's why he started looking online for alternative prices. DiBenedetto said it must look professional and if its going to be done it should look nice. Quilty agreed that it must look nice because it represents the board members. Hettich commented there was a short amount of time to have the village approve the lights and it should be just decided. Hettich mentioned that moving the tree lighting ceremony from the front lawn of village hall was changing history and anything they pick must look nice. Hartman asked if the price of the lights was for all the trees by the bandshell or just one. Weber answered his question with just the one directly next to the bandshell. Sural asked Trustee Pedersen what she thought would make the people happy. Pedersen said no one likes the small tree outside of village hall. She loves the idea of moving the ceremony to the bandshell and thinks the people of Antioch will too.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Quilty started with saying that two companies submitted plans for the master parks plan. Weber asked what the prices were and Quilty said she would get him a packet with the information at a later date. Local bands were a big hit at the Thursday night concerts this summer. Maritza wants more local bands next year. Hartman asked if Will Rock start off the season again next summer. Quilty said this coming summer will be US 99. Day campy biggest change next summer will be a resident and nonresident fee to help ensure Antioch residents have a better chance of getting in than this last summer. DiBenedetto asked if there can be an end of summer concert just as big as the beginning of summer one. Quilty asked if she meant during Harvest Fest. Sural suggested like the Will Rock concert. Quilty said if sponsors could be found because big bands cost anywhere from \$1000 -\$1600. Weber suggested having food trucks and taking a percent of their sales. Sural asked what the point of the Thursday night concert was. He questioned if it was to bring new people to town or to make sure there was food and drinks. Quilty said the point was a family friendly night to spend outside and together where families can relax and listen to music.
  
8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Johnson started off with saying the numbers for camp crayon were way up this year, probably due to covid not being as bad. Hartman asked where she was getting those numbers. Johnson said from Rec 1. Sural asked if there was more staff this year. Johnson said that it was the same number of staff but that pay has gone up which was approved by the board. Swim lesson evaluations went well this year and the number one thing being changed next year is a Band app message when weather effects lessons being canceled. Also, a group message when aerobics is canceled. Hartman asked if there was a curriculum for swim lessons. Johnson said American Red Cross with every instructor being trained by her personally. New trainees are paired up with experienced instructors to ensure confidence and knowledge to all students. Hartman asked if they are tested at the start or end. Johnson said they are evaluated at the start and tested out near the end of the two-week class. Quilty discussed special events starting with the farmers market going well. One of the farmers said he loved it so much that he has had more people coming to his farm because of it. Stating that the location is way better than when it was on Skidmore. DiBenedetto suggested making the farmers market a

pickup location that some of the farmers from far away could use. Telling their customers to meet them in Antioch. Weber said he spoke with a farmer, saying his truck was completely full of just what he sold to walk up customers. Quilty said the fall wine walk was at 302 tickets sold so far. Ghost tour was going well and if all 150 tickets sold they would add a second day the night of harvest fest. DiBenedetto asked if there were any nighttime activities for harvest fest. Quilty said the band goes on at 4:30. Sural suggested in the future that the kids have their daytime events then the possibility of taking them home and coming back just the adults at night. Johnson said maybe next year she's just worried how dark it would be. Sural said at past fireman dances at the bandshell it has not been that dark. Quilty brought up that maybe next year the final concert at the bandshell could be the night of harvest fest. Sural said Lake Villa does a thing that they shut down the street and have vendors. Johnson explained that none of them need to have certificate of insurance and that's why. Maritza has trouble with some vendors. DiBenedetto agreed that its expensive and not worth the insurance depending on how much the vendor sells. Sural asked why Tractor Supply has so many vendors. Quilty said that its not on village property. Johnson said she was trying to add to programming. Every Friday the village senior center is empty, and she wants to add kids programming. Misch asked if it was one-time events or recurring. Johnson said she's looking for all. Fall is the best time to add new programs.

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

10. **Next Meeting** October 19 at **6:30** p.m.

**Other Business:** Hartman spoke with owners of Limerick and they want to have Saturday night summer concerts. Quilty said they needed to go before the board to have that approved. She also asked how large. Sural said if they wanted to close Toft large then. Quilty asked why they don't sell drinks during the Sunday food truck festival. She also said they would need to work it the parks office wouldn't be able to do all the work and have them making all the money selling drinks. Hartman said he was just bringing up the idea. Sural said they should be bringing it up themselves. Hartman has many questions about the 4-year-old preschool classroom that Johnson answered for him. Hartman then asked about the \$25 dollars for the Santa visit to your home but why the additional \$10 per child. Quilty said it was originally 25 per child but they changed it to 10 an addition because how much money people were spending. Sural suggested just making it 25 because they no longer get presents so no need for the 10 additional. He suggested adding a time limit, so it doesn't take too long with too many kids. Hartman then asked about the loss of money from the pool this summer. Quilty said that between redoing the slide and a new awning and tables and chairs and a/c and the up price in gas it was unavoidable. Sural thinks the wine walks are expired and should be replaced with something else. Johnsons suggested something like a bloody Mary walk. Sural suggested something like a food week. Hettich said that the Racine Zoo has lots of fun events and to investigate those. Sural suggested looking towards Libertyville, Woodstock, Grayslake and thinking outside the box. Hettich commented that Red Cross safety certified is a big deal and most highly respected certification. Hettich then said between the parks office and chamber and library they should all get together and work together not competing for activities.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion, Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hartman to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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Chairman James A. Weber

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Secretary