

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Member Lori Flade called the, November 16, 2022 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:36pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Hettich	_____	Sural	__x__		
Hartman	__x__	DiBenedetto	__x__	Parks Director	__x__
Flade	__x__	Weber	_____	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 September 21, 2022 minutes. All in favor?

YES: 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – NONE

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None

7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Flade started the meeting by stating the board members made a unanimous decision on the Hitchcock Design for the parks master plan. Quilty stated that after interviewing two companies Hitchcock was the best choice. Hitchcock has done many master plans for parks around the area. They are very knowledgeable with grant work. Hitchcock is also all about community input. They will be going to move forward with the board's approval and as soon as they get them on the books they can start. Flade asked if they have done a lot of parks from towns around will it look different. Quilty said that they do surveys and ask towns people what they want. Flade liked that the company is local. Sural asked if they do all the grant research. Quilty stated they do all the grant writing and so much works goes into that.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Quilty started by saying board members need to use do diligence to make meetings and if the date of the meeting needs to be changed that is possible. Flade asked what the call-in policy is. Sural asked why it matters if someone calls in during a vacation. Said there needs to be a clear-cut realistic rule. Quilty said there is an ordinance. DiBenedetto brought up especially during bad weather. Sural talked about Zoom meetings. Quilty stated there must be 4 board members present to have a meeting. Board volunteerism is going okay but could be better. Misch and DiBenedetto doing a great job with the festival of trees. If board members could sign for an hour even if its just to set up and help clean up. Quilty said that board members could also have people they know come and help. Quilty stated towns people just don't volunteer enough. Asked that when Maritza sends out emails could they respond back yes or no. Flade suggested an excel spreadsheet to see all the events and how many volunteers needed for each event. DiBenedetto suggested a google doc. Sural asked how many events a year were they expected to work. Flade said when she started, she was told 35 hours a year. Sural asked about the Pitman property. Quilty said they cleared and tested the soil. They said it's a year out from ordering play structures. Sural has concerns about not knowing enough about what's happening there and being asked and having no answers for people. Misch asked if the Hitchcock group could get grant money to fix Centennial park. DiBenedetto is hoping that the parks master plan clearly solves and states what and when things will be fixed.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Quilty started off by saying that Fun Friday at the senior center is not filling up like they hoped. Hopefully January the numbers will go up. Its ages 3-5, from 9-1pm at the Village Senior Center. Kids in the kitchen sold out its first two months. Hot shots are doing well also. Flade asked how those programs are advertised. Quilty said its all on the brochure. Sural suggested a parks department Facebook page. Sural then went onto his phone and noticed only 13,000 people followed the Village of Antioch Facebook page but stated that there are probably closer to 30,000 people who live in Antioch. Quilty then discussed the Christmas parade route and plan Santa lighting the tree afterwards. Sural asked if there would be food trucks. Quilty said there would be a food table and the parks department would be giving out free hot chocolate. The festival of trees is going well with 5 trees fully paid for and interest from 3 more. The deadline has passed but if anyone shows interest of course they can also join. Misch asked who the judges were. Quilty said there will be a QR code and the towns people will judge for 1st and 2nd place. Sural asked how much it was to enter a tree, \$50.00. Sural then asked how much 1st place won but that depends on how many entries. Sural they talked about the cost for Santa and how \$25.00 and then \$10.00 extra for each kid is expensive. DiBenedetto suggested a cost for time not by number of children. Misch suggested a Santa survey being done by all the families who do the event. Finally, Santa at the Sawmill needs lots of volunteers especially the last Sunday, there will be food trucks.

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – For periods Ending October 30, 2022

10. **Next Meeting** – December 21st at **6:30** p.m.

Other Business: Flade asked when the budget for the aqua center gets approved. Quilty stated April. Flade wants to know why swim team will be paying \$1000.00 more for next season. Sural thought the

Ghost Walk was great but nothing happened, and it was dirty in the Lodges basement. He thought there could have been so many more stories and it just missed the spot. He said people started off so excited and by the end were deflated. Sural then suggested a different path and line for waiting for Santa at the Sawmill. Quilty said with the amount of trees decorated the path they picked is the nicest looking. Sural also wants to discuss spring events during the December meeting. He suggested something along the lines of St Patrick's Day 5k. Quilty said that as fun as that would be it takes a lot of work with police and the fire department. Flade suggested having the State Bank sponsor it. DiBenedetto suggested a haunted Saw Mill tour. Sural also suggested having a duck race to open the new park.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Member Sural moved, seconded by Member Misch to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:32p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary