

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday,

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the Wednesday January 18th, 2023 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:31pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Antioch Park Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Flade moved, seconded by Member Hettich to approve the Wednesday December 21st, 2022 minutes. All in favor?

YES: 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:** none

7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Commissioner Weber started off the meeting discussing the name of the new park in town. Some have stated they want to call it Village Green but because there is a neighborhood named Village Green, he recommends calling it Antioch Town Square. Quilty said the name has not yet been confirmed yet. Weber also mentioned the gazebo that was pictured on Facebook and wasn't impressed by it. Quilty stated that is not the gazebo that will end up in the park. Weber asked if the real gazebo would look so gothic in style. Quilty stated it was the completely wrong picture. Weber hopes the park board can advise on what the gazebo should look like. Quilty explained that the actual design has already been approved along with the waterfall and bridges. Weber was disappointed that the parks board wasn't involved in final say. Hartman asked who had final say on the design. Quilty stated Mayor Gartner and 7 trustees. Sural also backed up Weber's statement that he was disappointed the parks board wasn't asked what they thought. Hartman questioned why there weren't monthly updates before it was

decided. Sural stated that as an advisory board should the parks board do just that on such things. Quilty stated that she was not involved in the decision either. Sural stated that Quilty being Parks Director and not being involved is a problem.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Quilty started by answer Flade's question about board members calling in. She stated that there are only four reasons a board member can not be physically present. 1) Personal illness or disability 2) Employment purposes 3) Business of the public body 4) Family emergency. They are not permitted to attend remotely if they are on vacation. Quilty then presented each board member with the Hitchcock Groups master plan agenda. As of right now they are in the Process. Hitchcock will get back in touch when they get to the Connect section. During the process they will need people to fill out a survey to figure out what people think is most and least important in the park. This survey will let Hitchcock know what our goal as a community is for the park. Quilty explained that Hitchcock did Libertyville's park and keeps a close eye on it online to see how its doing. Weber asked how long the process section of the agenda might be but there is no knowing that at this moment. Hartman asked if the board members were allowed at the board workshop. Sural reminded him no, they can not because that would be a quorum. Flade stated that at least three board members could be there before it's a quorum. Weber ended with thinking it looked like a great outline.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Dawn and Martiza and Mary have done a lot of brainstorming on new programs in town. From a disc golf and pickleball teacher to special events once a month at the pool this summer. Weber asked if the prices at the pool would be the same as last year. Quilty explained that everything is going up 3%. Weber looked it up online and noticed Antioch was cheaper than Hunt Club but more expensive than Round Lake. Also in the works is a karate class in cooperation with the Lindenhurst parks district. An arts and craft class with a local store in town and basketball in finally back in the gymnasium at Petty. Sural asked why the high school isn't allowing the village to use their gym. Quilty questioned why the Lakes field house doesn't either stating it was supposed to be for the whole community. Flade questioned if it was an insurance thing. Weber suggested speaking to the new athletic director at Antioch Community High School. The Winter Wine Walk sold out again. Maritza even bought more bags and glasses to add more tickets. The Daddy-Daughter Dance will be at the VFW and will have a glow theme. There will be a 360 photo booth so you can take your own photo and not have to wait in line. Mother-Son bowling is still being promoted. The farmers market is up to 5 vendors right now. This year they are having their liability insurance paid for but then they have to pay \$75.00 to be a vendor. Sural questioned why the parks board still hasn't met with the chamber of commerce or library yet. Hettich explained the library president Tom Hausman passed away just a few days ago but that the library was defiantly in agreement to meet with the parks board. Sural wondered if it was the chamber of commerce that was holding up the possibility of a meeting. Commissioner Weber once more asked for transparency. Sural asked who hires the chamber of commerce. Quilty explained that businesses in town just pay a fee and are in.

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

10. **Next Meeting** – February 15th at **6:30** p.m.

Other Business: Hartman asked who is in control of improvements at Osmand park. Quilty stated its half the township half the village. He then asked how much a wine walk ticket is, \$45.00. Then questioned why is so much more expensive when other wine walks are just \$25.00. Sural asked if each location must pay a fee to be in it. Quilty explained \$25.00 for their liquor license. Hettich commented that he thinks the wine walk is an event in town we just have so right. He enjoys just the aspect of walking around town and talking to businesses and people. Sural suggested a different take on the wine walk like a scotch night. Hettich stated on February 11th Antioch Liquors will be having a tasting. Hettich ended with wanting to recognize Tom Hausman for his 20 years of service to the community. He stated Hausman had a heart and soul for the Antioch Library.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Member Hartman moved, seconded by Member Flade to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:28p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary