

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ROLL CALL**

Hettich	<u> x </u>	Klemm	<u> x </u>		
Hartman	<u> x </u>	Olufs	<u> x </u>	Parks Director	<u> x </u>
Deichsel	<u> x </u>	Weber	<u> x </u>	Program Supervisor	<u> </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 Olufs moved, seconded by Member Hartman to approve the September 20th, 2023 minutes. All in favor?

YES: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**: none

7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**: none

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Quilty asked the board members for input on what they thought needed updating and fixing. Stating that Centennial playground will cost over a million to fix and not in the budget right now. Misch commented on focusing on little things. Deischel explained she had done a lot of research on pickleball courts. Stating that she came across numerous lawsuits having to do with the decibels pickleballs make compared to tennis balls. Olufs was surprised by the difference. Klemm stated that inside pickleball courts and outside courts sounded different. Deichsel stated she saw a solution of acoustic fences. Klemm suggested adding more parking by Greenbriar Road. Quilty stated that parks master plan would include parking lots. Klemm asked if it was smart to repave the parking lots to just be dug up in two years. Quilty stated Jensen would be the first courts to get fixed. Hartman asked if that was happening this year. Quilty stated it would be next year. Deichsel wondered if a dog park was possible over by old Osmond

Park. Hettich stated that dog parks are high crime areas. Klemm suggested having deck boxes on all the courts to change out pickleball and tennis nets. Weber stated that Centennial and the Saw Mill need the most work done. Olufs questioned how many more parking spots could be added to Centennial. Klemm wondered about moving the fields to fit better. Quilty agreed the baseball fields need to be reconfigured. Olufs suggested adding more parking along Anita Ave. Olufs stated he was an architect for 50 years and he thinks the best way to add parking would be to reconfigure the baseball fields. Hettich stated that the park at Orchard and Main Street was suppose to cost 12 million but because of hazmat issues with the soil the budget has gone up to 15 million. With the new public works building and the Grimm Road project there isn't a lot of money to go towards fixing things. Klemm asked which park is used the most. Quilty stated that Peterson Park is the most rented park and plans for a walking path and fishing pier are in the works. Deichsel wondered if a kayak/boat launch could go there. Hettich stated that the Saw Mill and playgrounds should be fixed first before building new things. Quilty suggested all the members make a top 5 list of priorities and next meeting discuss. Weber and Hettich suggested top 3.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Harvest fest and treat the streets are going to be busy events. Maritza needs volunteers. The businesses in town will be handing out their own candy. The pumpkin roll will be a little different this year with yellow barriers instead of hay lying the hill. The State Bank of the Lakes supplied prizes for the costume contest. There will not be wiener races or a band this year. Musical chairs were a big hit and will be doing it again. Food trucks will be available. Hettich asked if there would be a test run for the pumpkin run using the fences before the event. Hettich also noticed not many stores in town had treat the street signs. Quilty stated they must have put them up in their windows yet. Quilty stated that 20 houses signed up for the Halloween decoration contest. 3 different categories and 4 judges will head out at 4'oclock and should take them about 2 hours to see all the houses. Winners will be announced at harvest fest. Misch asked if an email would be sent out to let the families know judging starts at 4 and have lights on. Quilty agreed she would have Martiza email them all to know that. The Christmas parade starts at 6:30pm. Maritza still needs volunteers. So far only 20 entries but this year limiting how many queens can be in the parade. The tree lighting will commence after the parade. Popcorn will be sold and the parks office will be handing out hot chocolate again. Misch asked if the Christmas lights were still up on the tree and what if any bulbs have gone out. Quilty stated that was part of the maintenance and shouldn't be a problem. Quilty also stated that public works was fixing the PA system. Hartman asked if the choir would have mics this year. Quilty stated they didn't want them but yes, they would be heard better this year. Olufs asked what day the Christmas parade would be. Quilty answered with the day after Thanksgiving, November 24th. Hartman asked if there would be a Christmas house decorating contest. Quilty said with all the other holiday events happening there isn't enough time to do a Christmas light contest. Quilty also reminded the board members that Jenny DiBenedetto left her reusable Christmas tree to be decorated and put up at the Saw Mill for the festival of trees.
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – For periods ending September 30, 2023

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

Other Business: Deichsel suggested celebrating a different park every month next summer. Weber commented that there hasn't been a celebrated Arbor Day in years. Quilty asked what that would entail. Weber answered that the village would donate trees and the board members would plant them. Olufs commented he drafted up a plan about bike paths and safe crossing for bikes. Hettich hoped that the list the board members come up with are prioritized by the mayor and trustee members. Hettich commented that he thought the fall wine walk went well. He spoke with many people who thought the cups and bags were very nice. He also noticed that over a third of the people he saw walking around had bags and purchases from stores in town. Quilty stated that they are still working on getting people to come back to town after the wine walk. Hartman asked how many people from the wine walk were from out of town. Quilty stated she didn't know the exact number but a good amount is from Wisconsin.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Member Hartman moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:40p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

Secretary