

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the, December 20, 2023, regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:32pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Hettich	<u> x </u>	Klemm	<u> x </u>
Hartman	<u> x </u>	Olufs	<u> x </u>
Deichsel	<u> x </u>	Weber	<u> x </u>
Misch	<u> x </u>		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Antioch Park Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Hartman moved, seconded by Member Hettich to approve the October 18th, 2023, minutes. All in favor?

YES: 7

No: 0

Absent: 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

5. COMMUNICATIONS: none

- 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** President Weber started the meeting by bringing to everyone attention that the street sign for Holbek street is misspelled. When other board members searched online, they discovered that Google Maps has it spelled correctly but Apple Maps has it spelled incorrectly like the street signs. Weber continued that Mayor Gartner, and the village lawyer are planning to write something up for the transferring of leasing the scout house back to the scouts. Quilty stated was still up for board approval. Quilty commented that the board would like all programs to end up in one building. Eventually having the Senior Center refurbished for preschool. Quilty, Hettich and Hartman had a discussion between the term's "lease" and "own". Hettich stated that Mayor Garter claimed it would be decided by summer 2024. Weber went on to state he thought the Christmas parade went well. He commented on the people he spoke with and wanted to be involved next year. Weber suggested starting at Antioch High School instead of the band shell. Olufs commented that he thought there was still plenty of room at the

band shell. Quilty agreed there was still plenty of room. Weber stated people he spoke with felt crowded. Klemm stated she thought it would be too dark all the way starting at high school. Quilty questioned if people would even line the streets that far down. Many board members discussed different roads and routes but agreed that next year the new park would be complete, and the route would end up changing anyway. Weber then mentioned a meeting with trustees that did not involve any mention of parks as the priority of upcoming business. Quilty stated that 2nd meeting of January would include parks master plan. Quilty explained the 5-year parks master plan and Centennial Park. Hartman asked if during those years anyone was regularly checking Centennial for safety. Quilty explained someone on public works regularly checks all the parks for safety. Quilty also added that once the new park in town opens it will draw more people away from Centennial and the wear and tear. Hartman, then asked if public works is checking pavilions like playgrounds. Quilty specifically asked if Hartman was asking about Williams Park pavilions. Hartman stated he meant all pavilions. Weber interjected that this all would be approved in the new budget. Quilty agreed yes, hopefully. Deichsel wondered what the difference between priorities of group A & B in the master plan was. Quilty explained age of structures.

7. **The DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Quilty once again brought to board a wish list of possible projects to be done. Suggesting Pedersen Park and the pier. Asking the board if anything on their wish list should be moved up or down. Olufs questioned how much a fishing pier would be used at Pedersen. Quilty stated people fish all the time at Pedersen. Klemm's asked how large the parking lot is and if a pier would fit extra parking. Weber stated there would be two parking lots. Olufs started to discuss the issues with I-DOT, but Weber explained the other parking lot would come from Hillside. Hettich stated he had multiple questions first being over budget on the sink hole project, then money to build the fishing pier and a new bike trail where that came in priorities on the town budget. Quilty stated it's been a subject for a while to add a bike trail from Heron Harbor. Hettich explained his discomfort in making a bike trail under the road into town and how unsafe it could be for numerous reasons. Deichsel questioned if the money for a bike path would be better used to fix rental pavilion structures that make money for the town. Quilty stated the new budget would be approved soon and the board will know and can go from there. Weber asked who the new administrator was. Quilty stated Chief of Police Guttschow. Weber then commented that Jim Keim told Weber the town deserved 425,000 dollars back from their purchase of land. To state anything purchased with parks money should go back to the parks department. Quilty stated that she would have that investigated.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Sports programs are going well other than low enrollment classes at schools. Paying \$50.00 a class and when there are 5 students losing money. Quilty hopes the schools will wave that fee. All the things the parks department does for the schools, art crawls, pool passes and excluding pavilion fees. Quilty commented when Jim Moran posts online events become sold out for example volleyball. Cooking in the kitchen is also sold out and the numbers for winter break camp are higher than last year because advertising has no limit. Camp Crayons has Santa coming to visit the 4-year-olds on the last day before winter break. The open house for Camp Crayon is in January. The festival of trees at the sawmill went well. Quilty expressed it gets people involved in the parks. Santa at the sawmill was a hit once again, Santa Leo is an amazing Santa Clause. Looking forward to keeping Santa at the sawmill in the future

and looking into building ramps at the sawmill. Klemm suggested getting Eagles scouts involved in building those ramps. Hettich explained he's in charge of Eagle scouts and sadly there just aren't enough young scouts who go all the way through the program like years past. Quilty ended with saying the Santa visits went well but splitting them up because too many days in a row. Winter wine walk already sold 300/700 tickets.

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – For periods Ending December 2023

10. **Next Meeting** – January 17, 2024, at **6:30** p.m.

Other Business: Board member Deichsel suggested next year's treat the streets have a spot-on Toft more like the food truck festival that makes it more available to handicap able people. Quilty suggest involving Skidmore and Toft. Weber suggested having business open later during late night events in town. Quilty stated it has been brought to shops in town and they don't wish to stay open later than usual. Quilty stated they have tried to get shops in town to stay open later or give out coupons to bring back business after events i.e., wine walks. Hettich had every compliment for Santa at the sawmill this year. He just suggests having the sidewalks plowed well for the winter wine walk. Misch stated it was dark during the staging of the Christmas parade and hopes next year there will be more police involvement.

Adjournment: 7:42pm

There being no further discussion, Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Hartman to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:42p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary