

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, March 20th

6:30 p.m. Village Board Room, 874 Main Street

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the March 20th, 2024, regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:28pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Hettich	<u> x </u>	Klemm	<u> </u>		
Hartman	<u> </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 Hettich moved, seconded by Member Olufs to approve the February 21st, 2024, minutes. All in favor?

YES: 5

No: 0

Absent: 2

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

6. COMMUNICATIONS: none

7. Doug Fair from Hitchcock presented his parks master plan.

8. **Director’s REPORT:** Member Hettich really enjoyed the presentation and liked the fiscal year breakdown. He noticed the Sawmill is in fiscal year 3 and thinks that is very important but understands because of the condition of Centennial Park. He questioned when the Village and Township would become a co-op. Quilty explained that would be presented to the trustees to decide on. Hettich wondered about how the fiscal year bullet points work. Mr Fair explained that the master plan was organized with the help of workers and staff members to give the village a strategy on how to complete all the work that needs to be done. Weber asked what happens when a project isn’t completed in the fiscal year on the plan. He wondered if a project is not done in time if they will finish it or start something new. Weber mentioned the possibility

of not putting projects in years. Quilty answered that the fiscal year plan is for accountability. Weber stated that he could see the potential of going over budget and projects not being finished. Mr. Fair explained that master plan is a document meant to be constantly checked to guide the village in what needs to be accomplished. Weber suggested making a giant magnet board that projects could be shifted and moved around. Weber then asked Mr. Fair if he had been actively looking for grants to help complete projects. Mr. Fair answered yes, grant planning is in the master plan and as grants pop up projects could be moved to different years. Quilty explained that Mr. Fair and Jim Moran are working on grants. Weber asked where the dollar amounts for all the projects went? He saw them on an earlier plan. Quilty explained that when the trustees saw all the numbers, they became stressed, so they were removed. Weber suggested having the numbers put back into the plan. Weber stated he could see the budget being cut. Quilty explained that next year's plan is to use the money from dispensary taxes to go towards parks. Quilty stated that April 10th will be the capital budget meeting and then the following meeting would be approved. Hettich also stated he liked the dollar amount on the document especially for Centennial. Weber questioned that that its 10,000 for Centennial but what if it ends up being 20,000? Would that move it or only be half completed? Quilty explained that yes prices of things can go up, but the trustees want to spend more money on parks.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Chairman Weber discussed Mayor Gartner's Park naming contest. Next meeting the parks board will look over the list of potential names and pick their top 10 favorite. Deichsel read the letter stating that the top ten names would be passed along to the board of trustees to pick the winner. Misch added she was happy to be included. Weber mentioned the village website needing to be adjusted. Quilty stated that Jim Moran is working on that and agrees the site needs one more layer.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Quilty started by stating that the village has already interviewed 3 potential replacements for Dawn Johnson. Spring break camp is full and five days. Advertising that there was no limit was a great idea and really helped with numbers. Day camp is having interviews March 30th. Mother/Son bowling went well with the first time slot completely sold out and second slot half full. Maritza needs volunteers for the Easter parade and egg hunt. The Parade will end at 11 and immediately be followed by the egg hunt which will probably be done at noon. Misch asked if children should bring their own flashlights to the teenage egg hunt. Quilty stated yes and that she would have Martiza put out a reminder.

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – For periods Ending March 31st, 2024.

10. **Next Meeting** – Depending on weather starting at the Sawmill April 17th at **6:30** p.m.

Other Business: Misch will not be attending the April 17th meeting but would like to see the list of possible park names. Misch stated people have asked her about the 3-year-old program and potty training. Wondering if the teachers were willing to work with children who weren't quite potty trained yet. Quilty explained the teachers do work with the students. Misch then asked if Martiza could re-do the volunteer google doc and add the next six months events. Deichsel commented that her name is misspelled in the spring/summer brochure. Deischel then expressed concern over bees at Centennial Park. Deischel suggested removing the sand from the park. Weber stated the bees are also in the wood. Quilty expressed that once the new park opens it will make it easier to close Centennial. Quilty said she would speak to someone about removing the sand.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Misch to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:34p.m.

Chairman James A. Weber

, Secretary