

**Wednesday, April 17th**

**6:55 p.m. Village Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the, April 17th, 2024, regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 6:55pm.

**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>      </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 Hartman to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes. All in favor?

**YES: 5**

**No: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Jay Jozniak and a group of veterans spoke with the board members.**

Jozniak informed them that there are 64 Veteran Memorials in Lake County and none in Antioch. He also stated there are 42 Veteran Parks in Lake County and none in Antioch. The group of Veterans wished to recommend the newest park to be named Veterans Memorial Park. Weber explained the parks board is an advisory board. The board members picked their favorite names from the public vote online. The top five names then will be voted online again, and the mayor and trustees have final say of the park's name. Quilty mentioned it's in the works having a Veterans Memorial Park across the street from the new park. Hettich stated that the park is not supported or recognized.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS: none**

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

**8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT** The board members moved on to the list of potential names for the new park. Weber stated that new legislation might affect any park name with "Sequoit" in it. Deichsel questioned if all names with "Sequoit" should be taken out of consideration. Weber replied that there is still a possibility the law wouldn't happen and to still consider them. Hettich

wanted to state his top five names. 1) Veterans Park 2) Veterans Square 3) Antioch Community Park 4) Sequoit Creek Park 5) Village Park. Deichsel suggested looking at the names that didn't have park or commons. Weber suggested removing River Walk. Quilty asked about removing any park with "square" in it. Weber suggested removing Muquonago Trail Park because its not a trail. Deichsel thought Gate Way sounded religious and Olufs stated it made him think of computers. Quilty thought Community Center Park sounded like a building and Deichsel thought it sounded like a Bank. Weber asked if Sequoit Creek Commons should be removed. Deichsel and Olufs said they liked that name. Klemm suggested removing Main Street Park. Olufs suggested removing Village Park. Weber stated that had removed all but five names.

- 1) Sequoit Creek
- 2) Sequoit Creek Commons
- 3) Antioch Central Park
- 4) Veterans Park
- 5) Sequoit Park

Weber held a vote, and all members agreed. Quilty explained that those five names would go online to be voted for by community residents. Voting goes from April 22<sup>nd</sup> till May 5<sup>th</sup>. Residents can only vote once. Weber asked how it knows you voted only once. Quilty stated it goes through email address. Klemm asked if it was only open to village residents and Quilty answered yes. Olufs stated that even after the vote the trustees still get final say of the name. Weber asked if the explanations for those names would also be posted online. Hartman suggested shortening their summaries. Hettich stated he would write the explanation for Veterans Park. Olufs mentioned he thought Veterans Park should have Antioch in front of it. Quilty explained they couldn't change the voted-on names but maybe the mayor or trustees can. Deichsel noticed there were many summaries for Sequoit Park. Quilty mentioned the summaries might not make it online. Weber stated it would be neat to see the reasons behind the names. Quilty then stated the park should be done by July 4<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to fence it off and push all events till September to save the sod. Hartman asked if the clock tower is working. Quilty answered yes. Quilty then informed the board of the new aquatic director that was hired. Alison Hurtado. Hurtado is getting the season ready and intends to switch certification from Red Cross to StarGuard next season. Weber agreed it's a lot cheaper to be StarGuard. Hartman asked if Dawn Johnson would be certifying any of the staff. Quilty explained that because of retiring Johnson cannot work for the village for three months. Quilty stated Mayor Gartner asked if Centennial Park is used for tennis or pickleball more. The idea is to turn Jensen's courts all to pickleball. Klemm stated that during baseball games there is no parking. Quilty explained the master plan will add more parking. Hartman questioned the height difference between pickleball and tennis. Olufs suggested Centennial tennis courts being perfect for pickleball. He suggested if all of Jensen's courts were turned into pickleball courts it could be the go-to park. Klemm asked if there are houses by Jensen. Weber stated yes. Quilty stated apartments also back up to the park. Hartman then asked about the money coming from the cannabis tax. Quilty stated it would be voted on at the next trustee meeting. Quilty gave the aquatic update that pool passes, and private parties have already gone on sale. Swim lessons are filling up. Olufs asked when the pool opens. Memorial Day. Deichsel asked when the capital plan starts. Quilty explained Centennial needs grants. Hettich asked who's writing the grants. Quilty explained

Hitchcock. Weber stated he had a picture on his phone of a pier he thought would be perfect at Pedersen Park.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT** Easter went very well. Quilty explained that because spring break was at the same time numbers were down. Weber suggested next year's egg hunt be more spread out. Hartman stated he heard from many people they thought it took too long between age groups placing the eggs. Hartman also thought there were a lot of eggs left over in the older age group. Hartman asked how many wristbands were sold. Quilty explained she would find out and let him know. The bike resale is April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Antioch police have donated some bikes. Klemm asked what happens to the bikes that aren't sold. Workingbikes.org fixes them and sends them to third world countries. Raymond Chevrolet is sponsoring Touch-a-Truck on Toft Street. Deichsel explained that event was on the same day as the district 34 art crawl. Deichsel thinks the downtime between groups will bring people from the art crawl to the event. The board members then voted on the 4th of July themes. Weber, Olufs and Deichsel liked Small Town, Big Hearts. Hartman, Hettich and Klemm liked Faithful and True to the Red, White, and Blue. Misch will be the deciding vote at the next meeting.

9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – For periods Ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

10. **Next Meeting** – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Springer Park at **6:30** p.m.

**Other Business:** Deichsel questioned the other Veterans Memorial mentioned earlier in the meeting. Hettich stated it was recognized by any committee. Hartman asked who would manage the memorial. Quilty explained its on village land so the village. Klemm questioned what the veterans want that they aren't supporting the memorial. Hettich stated he tried working with them and it didn't go well. He stated none of the people working on the memorial are veterans. Klemm stated that just because someone wasn't in active duty they are still a veteran. Hettich disagreed. Hettich expressed how much he wanted the memorial at the new park. Quilty explained the trustees didn't want the memorial at the park. They were looking for a more fun place for children to play and entertainment to happen. Hettich thought the Easter parade went well and there was a good crowd. Hartman asked if it rained earlier in the morning. Weber told him yes. Quilty stated that spring break affected the numbers. Hartman asked when the teenage flashlight hunt was. Earlier that week, Thursday night. Klemm stated it was sold out. Quilty explained a lot of tickets were sold to non-Antioch residents. Weber ended the meeting stating that the vote for the park would just have names and no summaries.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further discussion, Member Klemm moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:15p.m.

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Chairman James A. Weber

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