

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

6:30 p.m. Village Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Drive, Antioch, IL

1. **Call to Order:**

Park Board member Hartman called the October 16, 2024 regular meeting of the Park Commission to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Klemm, Church, Olufs, Deichsel, Hartman, Nolan
Staff present: Nehila, Hurtado

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Antioch Park Commission led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

Olufs/Nolan motion and second to approve the September 18, 2024 Park Commission minutes as presented. Vote: Yes=6, No = 0

5. **Public Comment:**

Lu Sherman attended the meeting to get more informed about what's happening in Antioch.

6. **Communications:** none

7. **Chairperson's Report:** none

8. **Director's Report:**

- a. Holiday Parade Discussion: The Commission discussed setting parameters on the use of sirens and air horns for the upcoming holiday parade. Lengthy discussion included if sirens and horns are too loud, if they may disturb children and persons with hearing aids and the reverb created from the noise bouncing off the downtown buildings. Member comments include supporting the use of all sirens and horns limiting to just "typical" vehicle horns and last year's restriction of siren use but air horns were still used. After much deliberation, eliminating the use of sirens and air horns was the consensus of the Commission and the desire for all attending to have fun.

9. **Parks Program Manager:**

- a. Hurtado provided the Commission with a 2024 Pool Season recap. Topics shared included operational days, limited closures due to weather, the number of days the pool hit capacity, the numbers for birthday party rentals, swim lessons, summer campers and season pass sales and usage. The pool had a very successful season, and the lifeguard staff performed admirably. Discussion ensued on if season pass holders have priority and they do although it falls within the time summer campers are at the pool. They can still enter and save seats if they'd like and return after campers leave. Hurtado will explore adding additional operational hours, new programs and events for next year as well as looking at staffing requirements and guard rotations. A few ideas shared by the Commission included food truck night(s), viewing the July 4 fireworks from the pool and a dive in movie night.

10. **Special Events:** The Commission was informed that the Ghost Walk program for this year was canceled due to the person who ran the program is no longer available. Harvest Fest/Treat the Streets is the next upcoming special event. Commission members asked for a list of volunteer opportunities. Nehila will put together and distribute.

11. **Financial Reports for Period Ending September 30 2024:** The Commission reviewed the Financial Reports for period ending September 30, 2024.

12. **Next Meeting:** The next Park Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Senior Center.

13. **Other Business:** Commission Inquired and commented on subjects to include:

-Deichsel: Are the Antioch Queens expenses covered in the Parks and Recreation budget? Answer was yes.

-Deichsel: The Queens would like to participate at the tree lighting and Santa at the Sawmill events.

-Klemm: Updates on lending closet(s) – Answer was Parks and Recreation will still offer the service in addition to the township's program and publicity will be going out soon.

Klemm: Is there an update on the ADA ramps for the Sawmill? Answer was yes, Public Works will construct one and Parks and Recreation has another one on hand.

Olufs: Advocating for a more comprehensive bike path plan locally to help provide connectivity and safety.

Nehila/Hurtado: Provided an update of the Swim Team usage of the pool and that they are looking at revising the annual agreement for improved services and efficiencies from each party and possibly increasing the rental fee as it has not been raised for quite a few years and direct labor costs are not being covered.

14. **Adjournment:** Klemm/Deichsel motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Vote; Yes = 6, No = 0.