

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002 July 24, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 24, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:44 pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL and via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Burman, Bluthardt, Pierce, Macek and Pedersen. Also present were Mayor Gartner, Attorney Vasselli, Administrator Guttschow and Clerk Romine. Absent: Trustee McNeill.

III. Absent Trustees Wishing to Attend Remotely

There were no Trustees wishing to attend remotely.

IV. Mayoral Report –

None.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

None.

V. Regular Business

1. Approval of the June 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented -

Trustee Bluthardt moved, seconded by Trustee Burman, to approve the June 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

YES: 5: Burman, Bluthardt, Pierce, Macek and Pedersen.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1: McNeill.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion regarding a Special Use Request for a weightlifting club located at 927

Carney Court – Director Garrigan reviewed the request for a special use to operate a weightlifting club, stating that weightlifting and health clubs are not listed as a permitted use in the Form-based code. He stated that the applicant is looking to convert existing storage space into a weightlifting club, and that parking requirements have been met. The Planning and Zoning Board did recommend approval of this proposed special use. This item will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

3. Placer Progress Report – Business Development Manager Mark Sural presented information on how the Placer software is currently being utilized, stating it recently provided over 70 reports in response to a hotel feasibility study. He has also shared the analytics with other businesses in town. Trustee Macek asked if there is a way to provide access to the merchants or put it on the website somewhere. Mr. Sural responded that the Village has a license for two people to use the software. Mayor Gartner recommended the Village host a meeting for business owners to share the data.

Mr. Sural also reviewed the statistics from the Kickoff Concert, which showed that approximately 4,000 visitors came to the show, with 2,400 people coming from 37 surrounding communities.

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4. Sequoit Creek Park Café Building – Business Development Manager Mark Sural presented the proposal received for the café building at the new park. The proposal offers light foods, such as crepes and sandwiches, which align with the vision of the building use. He added that the evening menu will not replace dinner or compete with downtown restaurants. He said right now we have one proposal and asked the Board for their input before it is awarded. Mr. Sural said the proposed hours of operation are April 1-November 1 and the vendor seems ambitious to get started.

Trustee Macek suggested that the contract include language requiring hours of operation.

This item will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. Department reports

Communications – Assistant Administrator Jim Moran provided a update on the hiring process for a Communications and Special Events position and said he has been overwhelmed by the quality of candidates that applied for the position. He hopes to have someone selected before the next board meeting.

Parks – Director Quilty provided an update on the season end. She commended Aquatic/Program Supervisor Alison Hurtado for running the aqua center this year, stating they taught over 331 children swim lessons this year, and plan to increase evening classes. Director Quilty reported that the Summer Day Camp has over 400 campers. She announced aqua center hours as the end of the season nears. She acknowledged Miss Antioch, Jr. Miss Antioch and Little Miss Antioch for their service over the past year, and said they have been remarkable mentors to the community. Director Quilty said staff will be meeting with Hitchcock regarding Centennial Park, and encouraged everyone to attend the community input meeting in mid-August. Finally, she announced that the program guide goes out to the printer tomorrow and be published soon.

Public Works – Director Heimbrodt discussed the pump at Well 7. He commended staff for recognizing the pending failure of the pump, and said it was proposed to replace the components of the well with new parts due to the age of the well. He thanked the Board for approving the Woods of Antioch project, and will be bringing the road program to the Board at the first meeting in August.

Trustee Pedersen asked about the drive-thru at Starbucks, and said she wanted staff to get back to her regarding that matter.

Trustee Macek discussed an invitation for Antioch Theater.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

The Mayor and Board of Trustees did not go into executive session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk