

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Weber called the May 20, 2015 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:01 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present, Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cedric Johnson, Jen Dosch and Chairman Jim Weber. Others present were: Parks and Recreation Director Shawn Roby, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty, Trustee Jerry Johnson, Recording Secretary Toni Galster. .

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Gina Wolf moved, seconded by Member Jen Dosch to approve the April 22, 2015 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon voice vote: **Yes:** 6: Angela Brooks, Ron Horton, Gina Wolf, Will Martino, Cedric Johnson, and Jen Dosch **No:** 0. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jon Kotloski, Troy Devine and Christine Carani represented the organization that would like to get a Flag Football league started here in Antioch. Jon ha approached Viking Football in the past requiring Viking Football league continue the Flag Football into the fall, but Viking Football has declined their proposal. So Jon has decided to approach Antioch Parks & Recreation, hoping that the Parks department will run a fall Flag Football league. Jon past out information to all board members regarding why fall flag football is for Antioch. Jon explained how many of our community youth are forced to go to other communities to play flag football. Reason vary from they don't want to be yelled at by coaches to just wanting to have fun and play flag football in the fall. Jon also commented that some families cannot afford tackle and associated costs. Time commitment and travel is also a major concern of many parents. But Jon believes the biggest concern among the parents is fear of injury and head trauma. With that said Jon believes that this could be a money revenue builder for the Village of Antioch Parks & Recreation. He believes that the community is losing too many kids to other community flag football leagues.

Shawn questioned Jon whether or not other communities could join the Antioch league or would it be for Antioch residents only. Jon informed Shawn that this would be a league for the surrounding communities. Shawn also asked "how many kids will it require to form this league?" Jon told the board that they would like to start with 40 that would be 10 kids per team.

Another hand out Jon gave the Board was the facts on NFL Flag Program timeline and information on the league. The Board will read the information that Jon provide and revisit this proposal at the June 17th Board Meeting.

REPORTS

Chairman Weber:

Jim inquired about the 4th of July events. Will commercial/for profits participants be responsible for paying the \$30.00 fee if they have a float? Shawn told the Board that everyone will be required to pay the fee, after the parade the judges will decide if the for profits floats were indeed a float, if they are the Parks department will refund their entry fee. Jim ask Shawn about the judging area, Jim would like to see it near the old Vault Restaurant, and perhaps the judges could be on riser. We could possibly ask someone to keep an eye on the risers until the judges arrive so no one tries to climb on top of it.

Director of Parks & Recreation / Special Events Coordinator: Shawn Roby

4th of July

Trustees have approached Shawn asking to limit the number of out of town queens that allowed in our parades. Shawn would like to see one float with all the queens from outside Antioch on one float, while our Antioch Queens ride in their car. It was also brought up maybe only communities bordering (contiguous to) Antioch should be allowed in our Parade. Shawn will get back to the Board with what he finds out after speaking to the Village Board members. Shawn asked the Board "how many tractors should we allow in the parade?" Shawn reminded the Board that we went from a 2 hour parade to a 1 ½ hour parade. Shawn would like to see more bands or music acts in the parade to break up the parade a little.

Shawn told the Board about how we will be restructuring Williams Park for the 4th of July festivities. We will be adding Bingo in the afternoon and A Hot Wings eating competition along with the Sports Tournaments, and kids festival. Shawn is still working on the traffic pattern for the beginning of the parade and for the Fireworks.

Park Rental Scheduling – Two times daily

Right now when the Parks Department rents a pavilion we rent it for the full day, Shawn asked the board if they had any interest in renting it twice a day. This will help with the rentals that have an alcohol permit for the entire day. There are some people that rent the park from open to close which sometime is 13 hours. Shawn proposes splitting the day up in two rentals 10 am – 2 pm and then at 3 pm – 7 pm

Facility Rental Fees/Agreement

Shawn is suggesting that if we do decide to rent any inside facility that we charge the rental fee at \$25.00 on hour with a \$10.00 fee for set up arrangement. The gym could bring in \$35.00 an hour with a minimum of 2 hours. There would be a \$200.00 damage deposit with all rentals. Shawn indicated to the board that at the June meeting we would be discussing at length the agreement that would in place to accompany the possible rental of the facility.

Christmas Town Event

Shawn would like to see another Christmas event in town during the Christmas season. The North Pole Express has been a sell out in the past, and the Chamber does Santa, Shawn would like to come up with something different. Whatever we do we should use the Same Santa as the one we use on our North Pole Express. This event should be a ticketed event. We should approach all the organizations in town to see if we could get them involved in this event. Shawn would like to see this event on the Eve of Christmas Eve December 23rd.

Upcoming Events

The Antioch Aqua Center will be opening Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, it will only be open for weekends until June 6th, when it opens 7 days a week for the 2015 season.

The Summer Wine Walk sold out in less than 2 days, volunteers are needed at check in.

The Farmers Market will open on Thursday, June 4th with 20 vendors

Movies in the Park starts Friday June 19th with Big Hero 6.

Miss Antioch Pageant will be at the Antioch High School on June 20th volunteers are needed for tabulations and admissions.

It's Thursday Concerts start on Thursday, June 11th, first band is Lakes Area Community Band. Ron's next Car show is on Tuesday, May 26th.

Shawn told the Board that over 75 teachers from Antioch Upper Grade showed up at the Wetlands, Bandshell, and Saw Mill and mulched the flower beds for 1 hour today. This was an outreach campaign. The teachers did a great job. Shawn hopes that in the future it will grow. Shawn would like to invite the teachers to a Board meeting to thank them in person.

Will Martino asked Shawn if the Village plans on mulching Sprenger Park. Shawn will look into it for him. Shawn also spoke about the trail in Tiffany Farms, Dennis from Public Works told him they plan on leaving it the way it is.

Ron told Shawn that the Public Works is still not putting mulch down at Pedersen Park.

Shawn was excited to tell the Board that the Eagle Scouts are working on the Wetlands Boards that line the path.

Program Supervisor Report

Mary told the Board that graduations had taken place the week before. Gina Wolf attended the graduation.

Camp Crayon is still growing each week.

Zumba has a new instructor, April will be leaving in June, unfortunately her family is moving to Texas. Zumba participants have been growing week to week.

The Summer Day Camp registration is still going on, numbers are about where we were last year at this time. Next year Shawn would like to offer an early bird discount for those that register before May 1st. Mary has had a number of families inquire about multiple child discount. Shawn and Mary will be discussing this in the coming months.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports for the period ending April 30, 2015 were reviewed. The Village will be working on ways to cut the budget.

Next Meeting: Set for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Other Business

Shawn would like a Park walk through at the next Board meeting. Parks will be Centennial at 6:30 pm, then Williams Park and the Pool before going to the meeting at 7:00 pm

Will asked Shawn if there is a program for the Ash Tree removals. Also is there a schedule of who has reserved the parks, dates and times. And when should an organization start to schedule the parks. W

Will thanked Shawn for the swing being up at Sprenger Park, but commented that there is no baby swing or ADA swing yet. Will also inquired about the fertilization of Sprenger Park. Shawn told the Board that Public Works is waiting for the budget to clear.

There being no further discussion, Member Jen Dosch moved, seconded by Member Angela Brooks to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary