

**Village of Antioch
Park Commission Meeting
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, Illinois
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Weber called the August 15, 2018 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Antioch Park Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following Commissioners were present: Rentner, Hettich, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson and Flade. Others present were: Parks & Recreation Interim Director McCarthy, Program Supervisor Mary Quilty and Recording Secretary Toni Galster.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Flade to approve the June 20, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. Upon roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 6: Rentner, Hettich, Wolf, Rosenthal, Johnson, and Flade.

No: 0.

Absent: Rosenthal

THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS – None

No public comment

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Interim Director McCarthy Osmond Park explained that the Village has hired Smith Engineering to explore various options to fix the walking path at Osmond Park. Chairman Weber commented that Toni Galster did a great job at the Classic and Custom Car show held on August 2nd and that the village should continue to hold the car show. Toni mentioned that Ron Horton was instrumental in the success of the event.

b) Director Report: Interim Director Joy McCarthy

Director McCarthy introduced herself to the Park Board and distributed copies of the 1976 village code that established the Park Commission. Director McCarthy explained the rules and responsibilities of the Commissioners, as well as, their involvement in the development of the budget and voluntary participation in special events.

Director McCarthy updated the Commission on the status of the agreements with AYLL, AYBO, and AYFFL, explaining that the planned merger with these organizations will be put on hold.

The Commission discussed options for addressing the connection between the scoreboard equipment and the scoreboard. Member Johnson said that to run fiber optic cable is very

expensive, and that telecommunication companies will be releasing 5G Devices soon to help boost the power. Director McCarthy explained that the Township Supervisor was exploring options for cable connections. The Commission continued to discuss various ways of securing the and protecting the equipment.

Director McCarthy suggested that the village/township execute an agreement with each organization. Member Flade suggested that the person responsible for the equipment should sign each time it is used. Member Hettich said that signing out equipment should be standard operating procedure. The Commission discussed and agreed that the buildings should have a new key code or access codes install.

Director McCarthy informed the commission that Mary Quilty is in discussions with Hotshots to provide the programs that were cut earlier in the year.

Director McCarthy distributed an evaluation of village parks performed by CDM Turf Consulting and asked the Park Board to review it for discussion at the September Commission meeting.

North Bridge Church is planning a Sharefest event on Saturday, September 29. Commissioner Weber suggested mulching and painting at Pedersen Park.

i. Upcoming Events:

Secretary Galster gave an update on the Classic Car show, number of vehicles, and the sponsors. The It's Thursday Concert scheduled for the 9th was rained out so the Millennials will be playing at the Monster Mash on October 20th. The Lincoln Funeral Train will be in town on August 25th through September 9th.

ii. Antioch Garden Club:

Barb Gollwitzer introduced the Garden Club members, Nancy the founding member, Jo-Ann, Sheryl the Master Gardener and Officer and Joyce a Retired School Teacher. Ms. Gollwitzer requested the installation of sprinkler systems in each park. Director McCarthy promised to look in to the matter.

Naming the Garden between JJ Blinkers and Canton Tea Garden

Ms. Gollwitzer said that she had heard rumors regarding naming the Mini Park and that the Garden Club would like to be involved in the process of naming this park. Ms. Gollwitzer also asked if the village could provide bigger signs that says "Provided by the Antioch Garden Club"

Monarch Butterfly Initiative

Ms. Gollwitzer asked if there would be an interest in a Monarch Sanctuary in Antioch and requested a piece of property for this project.

c) Program Supervisor Report:

1. Camp Crayon Update: Program Director Quilty: 2018-2019 Camp Crayon is going strong, two teachers retired this past year, but these positions were filled with substitute teachers.

2. Summer Day Camp Re-Cap: Program Director Quilty: There were no issues with the change to weekly sign ups. New program, “Camp Hope”, offers free camp for 14 registered kids. Campers came on 3 separate days through the summer, experienced camp life on Friday, including a free cook out each time. Staff would like to extend the days next year, with one of the dates during a field trip. The Teen Travelers program saw a significant increase in participants.
3. Eagle Scout Project: Program Director Quilty: Mary passed out a photo of the Eagle Scout project at the Scout House. They replaced the sign with a new one that lights up at night. They also painted the windows and worked on the flower beds in front of the Scout House.

Aqua Manager Report

1. Antioch Aqua Center: Mary Quilty: Program Director Quilty said that the Aqua Aerobics had 26 participants and 53 for Aqua Zumba. Swim lessons went very well this year, and there were no complaints on switching from 8 days to 10 days. Member Flade said that the Waves hosted and won the swim conference on July 25th. Starting August 16th, the pool will only be open on weekends due to the lifeguards going back to school. The pool will be open until Labor Day Weekend, including Labor Day.

Financial Reports:

Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2018 were reviewed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 19, 2018, park walk through will be at Tim Osmond Sports Complex at 6:15 pm

Other Business:

Commissioner Weber asked that they continue to receive weekly updates. Member Wolf asked if since they could do a walk-through of a park before the September meeting. Commissioner Weber asked if the meeting time can be changed to 6:15 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

Member Wolf asked for a re-cap of the 4th of July at the September meeting.

Member Rosenthal asked about the roles of the 2 new park employees, Director McCarthy informed the commission that they were re-assigned to work under Public Works, but still maintain the parks.

Discussion regarding the budget process followed.

There being no further discussion, Member Wolf moved, seconded by Member Hettich to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 8:54 pm.

Chairman Jim Weber

Toni Galster, Secretary