

Village of Antioch Park Commission

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

7:00 p.m. Village Hall 874 Main Street Antioch, IL 60002

1. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Chairman Jim Webber called the October 20, 2021 regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 7:00 p.m..

2. ROLL CALL

Rentner	<u> X </u>	Hettich	<u> X </u>	Sural	<u> X </u>
Rosenthal	<u> </u>	DiBenedetto	<u> X </u>	Parks Director	<u> X </u>
Flade	<u> </u>	Weber	<u> X </u>	Program Supervisor	<u> X </u>
Hartman	<u> X </u>	Misch	<u> X </u>	Commission Secretary	<u> </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 October 20, 2021 minutes with Member DiBenedetto's changes. All in favor?

YES: X

No:

Absent:

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- a. **Recognition of service for Gina Wolf and Cedric Johnson** – Chairperson Weber, on behalf of the Commission, thanked former members Wolf, and Johnson, and presented them with a gift to recognize their years of service to the Village Parks Department.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Meeting Schedule for 2022 – Director Quilty asked everyone if they approved of the new meeting schedule for 2022. Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (meaning park visits would take place at 6:00 p.m.) Everyone present agreed that the new schedule would work. Director Quilty said she would reach out to the members who were not in attendance.

B. Events Update –

- a. Harvest Fest – Director Quilty said it was a huge success and opened it up to suggestions for what we could do differently for next year. Suggestions made were more food trucks, spread the day out, so people did not feel the need to rush, and possibly having a Bonfire, or a Band after Treat the Streets to keep families in town. Suggestion of a Haunted Trail, Movie, campfires, and even asking local businesses to “host” their own spooky booth that they would decorate, and sponsor. Haunted alleyways – Pub crawl, turn it into an evening event. Spooky story time with smores was also suggested.
- b. Touch a Truck- Director Quilty said the event was Amazing! We had approximately, 350 participants. It is something that we would definitely do again, and we will add to it, by adding different types of trucks such as a mail truck, a wrecker, etc. It was a very “feel good” event. It was suggested that the event be moved to Toft street, and have the event twice a year, in the Spring and Fall, with the Spring one kicking off the Street Market.
- c. Ski & Skate Resale – Director Quilty said that the event was not very successful, and we would most likely not continue to do the event. It was suggested that we advertise it more. Put it on the High School sign, and possibly set up the sale for when the Township opens the skate rink?

C. Events for 2022 –

Children's Concert series - Director Quilty asked the Commission what time on Sundays they thought would be best? The General consensus was somewhere between 12-2p.m. There would be Food Trucks selling hotdogs, fries, and possibly snow cones for the kids. Concerts would be geared towards kids 2-10 years old, and last approx. 1 ½ hours.

Farmers Market - Director Quilty was looking for suggestions, explaining that the Village will need to start looking for vendors in January or February, and right now, Farmers are looking for an established market, with high foot traffic. Some possibilities that were recommended were, Don't charge a fee for the first few markets, look into participating

in a CSA program (Crop Sharing program where people buy from local farms, and use our farmers market as a pick up location), possibly tie the Farmers Market into the Street Market once a month, make it a more family friendly event, use the alley ways for Vendor set up to encourage people to walk the entire downtown while visiting the “market”. Director Quilty will investigate all the possibilities, and report back.

- D. Pool Painting job update – Director Quilty wanted to make sure everyone looked at the photos, and everyone agreed that it looked great.

8. **PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- a. Proposal for 2022 pool fees –

Supervisor Johnson went over her proposal for a change in pool fees for 2022.

Memberships – Individual – Stays the same.

Couple - \$125 Resident / \$150 Non-Resident

Family of 3 \$180 Resident / \$216 Non-Resident

Family of 4 \$220 Resident / \$276 Non-Resident

Each Additional pass \$55 Resident / \$69 Non-Resident

Seniors \$59 Resident / \$70 Non-Resident

Daily Fees - Ages 4-55 \$7.00/day

Ages 55+ \$4.00/day

After 5 pm \$4.00

Rentals - Semi Private up to 50 people \$250

Semi Private 50-100 people \$500

Private 100-250 people \$600

Swim Lessons - Parent Tot class 30 minutes \$55 Resident / \$65 Non-Resident (8 Lessons per session.)

Level 1-5 45 minutes \$76 Resident / \$87 Non-Resident (8 Lessons per session)

After much discussion, it was decided that the commission would like to see a complete financial breakdown of pool revenues before they decide on increasing Pool fees.

Supervisor Johnson said she would provide that information to the commission.

- b. Budget comparison -

- 9. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Director Quilty said there was nothing significant to discuss.

- 10. **Next Meeting** – December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Other Business:

Hettich – Wanted to thank everyone for a very successful Veterans day event. On December 11th, there will be a dinner for the Sailors from Great Lakes at the VFW and member Hettich wanted to thank the community for their overwhelming support to make this event possible.

DiBenedetto – Asked about how parks revenue fits into the budget. How much revenue is the parks department looking to generate into the Village overall budget? Director Quilty said that the parks department is not required to contribute a certain amount. Any money that the Department brings in, goes into the General Fund. This allows the Parks Department to offer Free programs and events.

Hartman – Asked if the Village had thought about asking the Food Trucks we invite to our events, would be interested in giving the Village a percentage of the profits that they make at each event? Director Quilty said she would investigate that. Member Hartman also asked that Director Quilty contact the P.D. regarding an abandoned car in the Parking lot by the Scout House. She said she would.

Sural – Asked if the Park Commission was going to have a float in the Holiday parade? The parade is less than a week away, and he didn't know if there was anything that the Commission members needed to do. Park Assignments. Member Sural has been assigned the Brooks Trail, he went out there, and wanted to know what is the process of getting repairs, and maintenance done? He has spoken to the Lions club, and they would be in support of helping the Village financially towards the trail. Member Sural then said he would be willing to help create a pilot program to get local business to sponsor a park. We have 29 civic organizations in town, we should be able to get some help from them as well.

Director Quilty said that she is still looking for Volunteers for the Parade. The commission does not do a float, but members traditionally help with the event. She said she would send out an email with Volunteer opportunities, and asked that members let her know by Tuesday, if they are available.

There being no further discussion, Member Hettich moved, seconded by Member Rentner to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 9:09p.m.

Chairman Jim Weber

Rachel Alcozer, Secretary