

APPROVED MINUTES

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – SPECIAL MEETING – JOINT PARK BOARD
Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL 60002
July 19, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gartner called the July 19, 2023 joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and Park Board to order at 6:35pm at the Antioch Municipal Building located at 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present from the Park Board were Commissioners Misch, Hartmann, Hettich and Weber.

There was no public wishing to comment.

III. Discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Park Board

a. **Review of Ordinance** – Mayor Gartner asked what Park Board members would like to see for the future of the group. Mayor Gartner wants to do what is in the best interest of the Village as a whole.

Those present discussed the number of members plus alternates, residency requirements (1.5 out of Village) and the appointment of a 5-year term which exceeds that of the Mayor and not in compliance with state statute. The Board previously had hiring and firing authority. Mayor Gartner would like to amend the ordinance to mirror current operations. He asked those present if meeting schedule or organization of the commission needs to be restructured. He added that he was approached by Township regarding coop and would like to see if that fits in any way.

Chairman Weber discussed beginning of Park Board and former Director Roby who involved the Park Board in everything. The mayor discussed park maintenance which seems to be a concern. Those present discussed staffing, work orders and processes for submitting punch lists, and grounds and building maintenance line items.

Mayor Gartner said the other communities that have Park Boards and not park districts, and how the Village is operating is not atypical of those boards.

b. **Discussion regarding continuation and future of the Park Commission** – The mayor would like to appoint three more Park Board members in order to achieve a quorum. Commissioner Hartmann would like additional staff present at their meetings. Those present discussed improved communications.

Mayor Gartner has listened to park board meetings, and hopes decorum improves moving forward.

Trustee Bluthardt would like to have joint meetings at least twice a year if not more.

Trustee Pierce would like Dennis Heimbrodt, Director of Public Works, to meet with the Park Board and talk about what they're doing.

Mayor Gartner discussed next action steps. He wants everyone to review current and proposed ordinance and put on a future agenda for consideration.

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It was the consensus of those present to continue the Park Commission if issues can be resolved, and keep it at 7 members.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees special meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Romine, RMC/CMC
Village Clerk