

Village of Antioch Park Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

6:30 p.m. Village Hall, 395 Skidmore Dr, Antioch, IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weber called the April 15, 2026 regular meeting of the Park Advisory to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Deichsel	_____	___X___
Hartman	___X___	_____
Nolan, B.	___X___	_____
Nolan, S.	___X___	_____
Olufs	___X___	_____
Schartz	_____	___X___
Weber	___X___	_____
<u>Staff</u>		
Kotloski	___X___	_____
Ford	___X___	_____

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Antioch Park Advisor led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

Hartman/Olufs motion and second to approve the March 18, 2026 Park Advisory minutes.

Vote –

Yes = 5

No = 0

5. Public Comment & Correspondence

No public comment or correspondence

6. Old Business

a. Centennial Park Progress

Parks and Recreation Director Katie Kotloski provided an update on the Centennial Park renovation project. The construction contract was awarded by the Village Board at its

previous meeting to Midwest Excavators, the lowest responsible bidder following a review of references and past project experience.

The approved bid included several alternates. Alternate 1 consists of a full-depth replacement of the sport court foundation to extend the facility's useful life rather than salvaging portions of the existing base. Alternate 2 includes the installation of conduit and infrastructure necessary for future internet, phone service, and security cameras at the park. This addition was requested by the Board of Trustees.

Two additional alternates related to park improvements will be completed separately. Public Works staff will handle the removal, disposal, and salvage of select park features, including wooden fencing and memorial paver bricks, resulting in cost savings to the project. Landscaping improvements, including trees, shrubs, and ground cover, will also be coordinated separately rather than through the project contractor.

A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for the following week. Midwest Excavators was expected to begin mobilization and fencing installation in early May. Public Works staff planned to complete removal and disposal work prior to construction activities.

Staff will notify the public through social media regarding park closure dates and construction timelines. A groundbreaking ceremony was tentatively scheduled for early May. Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be invited to attend, and outreach will be made to members of the Axtens family in recognition of their role in establishing Centennial Park in 1992.

Board Member Olufs asked several questions regarding the base bid and project alternates, which were addressed by Director Kotloski.

b. Park Inspection Schedule

Director Kotloski and the Board reviewed and assigned the Village's 19 out of 20 parks among Board members for monthly park inspections. Board members were designated specific parks to inspect and monitor throughout the year, with findings to be reported back each month.

Board Member Olufs inquired about the process for addressing maintenance and repair concerns identified during park inspections. Director Kotloski shared the department's current capital improvement planning document, which outlines proposed repairs and improvements for various park facilities and structures. The information was provided to give Board members an understanding of projects that have already been identified and are under consideration.

The Board also discussed additional areas of concern observed throughout the park system. Director Kotloski stated that she would follow up with Public Works Director Dennis Becker regarding those items.

7. New Business

a. Discussion: IGA with Antioch Township

Director Kotloski provided an update regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Village of Antioch and Antioch Township for the maintenance and operation of Tim Osmond Sports Complex. She explained that the previous agreement, originally executed in 2004, expired in 2024.

Since joining the Village, Director Kotloski has been working with Antioch Township Supervisor Tom Shaughnessy to discuss the renewal of the agreement. The Township has provided a draft IGA for Village review, and staff are currently evaluating its terms. Once a draft agreement is finalized at the staff level, it will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for review and discussion. The Board may then make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding approval of the agreement.

Director Kotloski noted that both the Village and Township own property within the Tim Osmond Sports Complex and that a collaborative approach to maintenance, improvements, and beautification of the area is beneficial to both entities.

Board Member Hartman inquired about the possibility of entering into similar agreements with affiliate organizations. Director Kotloski stated that there are currently no plans to pursue additional agreements at this time due to staffing and administrative capacity.

b. Matters for Discussion/Recommendation to Village Board

Chairman Weber led a discussion regarding recurring flooding issues along the bike path that travels through Tim Osmond Sports Complex. The Board discussed the history of the flooding concerns, the impact on park users and trail accessibility, and potential solutions to address the issue. The matter was discussed for informational purposes and future consideration.

8. Reports

a. Chairman Weber's Report

Chairman Weber reported that he had no additional items to discuss beyond those already addressed during the meeting. Board Member's Reports

b. Board Members Report

i. Hartman

Reported that he enjoyed the community service officer presence at Sequoit Creek Park and inquired whether those patrols would resume to help ensure safety and proper use of park facilities.

Director Kotloski stated that she had been informed by the Police Department that the community service officer program would no longer be available. She noted that contracting for private security services would be a significant expense for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Hartman also expressed concerns regarding safety and traffic during larger sporting events at Tim Osmond Sports Complex and suggested increased police patrols during peak activity periods.

Director Kotloski stated that she would communicate these concerns to the Police Department and request periodic patrols through the complex during high-traffic events.

ii. Nolan, B.

Requested that the drinking fountains at Sequoit Creek Park be turned on for the season. Director Kotloski stated that she would notify the Public Works Department.

iii. Nolan, S.

Inquired about the rules currently posted at Sequoit Creek Park. Director Kotloski explained that the existing rules are being reviewed and revised to improve readability and eliminate redundancy with regulations already established in the Village Code.

Also raised a safety concern regarding the rear gate at Sequoit Creek Park and suggested exploring the installation of a one-way gate handle to prevent children from exiting the park unsupervised. Director Kotloski stated that she would discuss the concern with the Public Works Department.

iv. Olufs

Inquired whether the park fireplaces are seasonal. Director Kotloski responded that the fireplaces are available for use year-round.

Reported that one fireplace is currently inoperable and noted concerns regarding stones being removed from the fire pit areas. Director Kotloski acknowledged the concerns and indicated they would be reviewed for follow-up.

c. Directors Report

i. Department Updates & Programming Highlights

Director Kotloski provided an update on current programs, staffing, and seasonal operations. She reported that the Mother-Daughter Bingo event had reached its registration capacity of 125 participants and that staff would be increasing the capacity to accommodate additional registrations due to continued demand.

Director Kotloski also reported that information regarding the Village's new flag football program had been distributed to families who previously participated in the Antioch Youth Football and Flag League (AYFFL). To date, feedback regarding the program has been positive.

Staffing efforts for the summer season are nearing completion. Director Kotloski stated that interviews for Aquatic Center positions were nearly complete, while Recreation Supervisor Ford was finalizing interviews for Summer Day Camp positions. The Department anticipates extending employment offers to approximately 100 seasonal staff members.

Director Kotloski noted that the Department is currently focused on preparations for the upcoming summer season, including opening the Aquatic Center and launching Summer Day Camp operations.

9. Financial Reports for Period Ending March 31, 2026

The Park Advisory Board reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2026.

10. Next Meeting

The next Park Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall building.

11. Other Business

Commission Inquired and commented on subjects to include: meeting at sequoit creek park before the start of the next meeting. The board will meet at the park for a

walk through at 6:30pm and after the walk through they will come back to the board room for the rest of the meeting.

12. **Adjournment**

Hartman/Olufs motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Vote –

Yes = 5

No = 0