

Village of Antioch Park Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weber called the June 17, 2026 regular meeting of the Park Advisory to order at 7:20 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___	_____
Fielder	___X___	_____

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Hartman/Olufs motion and second to approve the April 15, 2026 Park Advisory minutes.

Vote –

Yes = 5

No = 0

5. Public Comment & Correspondence

Chairman Weber called for public comments and inquired whether any public correspondence had been received.

Member Kotloski reported receiving two emails from members of the public to share with the Board.

The first email concerned a shrub at Sequoit Creek Park. The resident reported that a broken branch protruding from the ground punctured a child's shoe and caused a cut to the child's foot. Public Works was notified of the hazard and has since removed the shrub.

The second email concerned the baseball field at Sprenger Park and was submitted by the Antioch Youth Little League (AYLL). The correspondence expressed concerns regarding the maintenance of the field due to a miscommunication. Public Works was notified of the condition of the field and will continue to maintain it to ensure it is suitable for public use.

No additional public correspondence was reported.

6. Old Business

a. Centennial Park

Director Kotloski reported that construction at Centennial Park is progressing well. Staff is working with the contractor to slightly shift the location of the playground to the west in order to preserve the wooded area and maintain the natural sound barrier for nearby residents. Only minimal tree clearing is anticipated.

Kotloski also informed the Board of an unforeseen issue with the existing sport court subgrade. After the court was removed, it was discovered that portions of the 7,000-square-foot court were built over black dirt, which is not a suitable subgrade material. A change order in the amount of \$10,300 was requested to install the proper limestone subgrade.

Board Members Olufs, Weber, and Schartz asked whether compaction testing would be performed on the new limestone subgrade. Kotloski stated she would confirm the inspection requirements with the contractor. Schartz discussed the importance of inspections throughout the project, and Olufs shared his experience regarding construction inspection schedules. Hartman requested a copy of the inspection schedule, and Kotloski stated she would provide it to the Board.

b. Park Visits

Schartz shared observations regarding the restroom signage at the Bandshell.

Chairman Weber expressed concerns about overgrown vegetation at Mary's Park and near the Sawmill area.

Hartman reported meeting with concerned Antioch Youth Little League (AYLL) parents at Williams Park regarding safety concerns with the dugouts. He also raised concerns about the condition of the patio area and paver edging near the concession stand at the Tim Osmond Sports Complex and asked about food permit requirements. Kotloski clarified that food permits are required through the Lake County Health Department, not the Village.

Hartman also requested additional information regarding the Woods of Antioch green space. Kotloski stated she would provide a map of the area.

Chairman Weber discussed flooding concerns along the bike path at Tim Osmond Sports Complex and other locations he had observed. He also referenced previous discussions with Public Works regarding drainage concerns. Kotloski stated she would resend the previous correspondence related to the flooding issues.

7. New Business

a. Parks & Recreation Department Budget Approval – Park Improvements

- i. Kotloski informed the Board that the Parks & Recreation Department budget includes increased funding for facility and park maintenance, repairs, and park improvements. She explained that the additional funding will allow staff to address larger maintenance needs and complete additional improvement projects.

The Board discussed the increased budget and asked questions regarding future improvement plans. Kotloski also discussed the importance of planning for the future replacement of aging playground equipment as part of the department's long-term capital improvement efforts.

8. Reports

a. Chairman Weber's Report

Chairman Weber reported that he had nothing further to add beyond the items already discussed during the meeting.

b. Board Member Reports

- i. Schartz inquired about the scope of work included in the Village's landscaping contracts for Sequoit Creek Park. Kotloski stated she would review the contracts and provide additional information. Hartman suggested that representatives from Public Works participate in future park walkthroughs to better understand the maintenance concerns identified by the Board. Chairman Weber agreed with the suggestion. Kotloski reviewed historical park maintenance practices and discussed previous efforts to improve maintenance planning and overall park care.
- ii. No additional reports were presented by Board members.

c. Directors Report

i. Department Updates

The Board finalized the lineup for the Fourth of July Parade. Recreation Supervisor Fielder provided updates on parade registrations and participating groups.

ii. Programming Highlights

Kotloski provided an update on the Village's summer camp program. Board members asked questions regarding camp operations and participation.

Ford shared the history of the camp program and spoke about its long-standing impact on the community. She highlighted the dedication of the staff, the program's value to participating families, and its positive contribution to the community, including support for local businesses.

9. Financial Reports for Period Ending May 31, 2026

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

10. Next Meeting

The next Park Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Park Tour Location.

11. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

12. Adjournment

Nolan B./Olufs motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Vote –

Yes = 5

No = 0