

**Avilla Park Board**  
**Meeting Minutes: April 2, 2020**

**\*Conducted via Zoom due to COVID-19\***

-President Jessica Balyeat called meeting to order @ 7:30pm

-All present is recorded on the Avilla Park Board here in-lieu of the attendance sign-in sheet:

Jessica Balyeat, Nate Hicks, and Ann Freeman

-Reviewed minutes from the previous meeting (March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020) as distributed by Ann Freeman prior to meeting, minutes stand approved as sent.

**Old Business**

**Dog Park**- Jessica will reach out to Cody to find out if a GoFundMe page is active; Cody told Jessica via text that he would be doing a radio interview to highlight this project; unsure if a "dog walk" event will occur for fundraising purposes

**5 year Plan**- Situation still uncertain; Jessica and Nate have been in communication with Christopher Boss of Ball State University regarding this plan as CB previously wrote 5-year plans for IN DNR; Jessica and Nate to schedule meeting with CB to learn more about collaboration

-Discussed plans to apply for a Land Water Conservation Grant during the next grant cycle

-Discussed plans for improving Avilla trails; possibly investigate paving or mulching the trails as they are mostly dirt at this moment; discussed drainage issues on certain areas of trails

-Ann to reach out to Noble County Probation about possible community service opportunities if trails are re-mulched in the future

**Mowers and Tractor**: mower returned from VanGorder, all repairs completed; bill for \$426 approved for payment; tractor tune-up to be paid for by Avilla Ball (\$180); Parks Board voted to pay for cost of new hydraulic steering arm (estimated cost \$350-450)

**New Lighting for Community Center**: Howard still does not have keys, has not been able to complete project

**Water Heaters**: both water heaters need inspected by Howard (does not have keys); Howard anticipates the water heater by bathrooms may need replaced; Parks Board voted to repair or replace said water heater following Howard's recommendation

**Horizon Line of Credit on Hold:** Town has not held a meeting for Jessica to attend and make request; Jessica was able to talk with Bill Ley, but unable to move forward at this time

**New Business**

**Pavilion Rental:** Lutheran Church submitted request for pavilion on September 20<sup>th</sup> for their annual picnic, approved

**Town Sidewalk by Park:** Town will be adding two ADA compliant sections; the supporting wall between the smile swing and sidewalk would have killed two trees so Jessica and Bill came to an agreement that the trees should be cut down and the town will plant replacement trees

**Open Discussion:**

Discussed the purchase of a roller so that the grassy knoll which was damaged by a golf cart could be rolled before it is mowed; Nate researched prices for rollers at Lowe's and the Board voted to purchase needed equipment

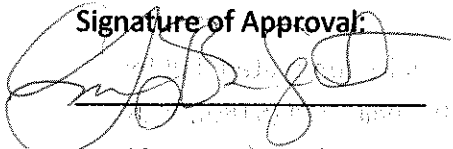
Jessica will talk with Bill Ley regarding drainage issue in park as now would be an ideal time for repairs; will determine if issue something that can be repair or if it is something that needs to be completely redone to ensure adequate drainage

Just a note: Zoom Meeting technology was great! No technical issues. Board Members could hear one another, discuss ideas, and vote on issues. Would recommend for any other groups practicing social distancing at this time.

**Reminders:**

Our next Avilla Park Board meeting is Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30pm.

**Signature of Approval:**



President, Jessica Balyeat

ABSENT

VP, Shelly VanGorder

Present

Secretary, Ann Freeman

Present

Social Media, Nate Hicks