

**Avilla Park Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 3, 2020**

Call to Order @ 7:30pm

Reading of previous meeting minutes by Ann Freeman; approved by the Board as read

OLD BUSINESS

-5 Year Plan: Proposal of Drafted Plan- Nate to post to the drafted plan to Facebook where the community will be able to provide comments and/or private messages; October Board Meeting will ~~include a public meeting to approve~~ <sup>review</sup> the final draft

-Also discussed the idea to post Park Board meeting minutes on Facebook, moved and approved

-Story Walk: No updates from Ruth Guthrie; Ann to check in with Ruth regarding Story Walk planning progress

-Park grant: Operations Round Up- Ren (Avilla Baseball) is working on quotes for lights; Board reviewed past grants/donations and noted that Avilla Parks haven't received grant dollars through Noble REMC since 2017

-Victor's Painting Crew- Plans to start next week on 9/8/20; paint needs to be semi-gloss for ease of cleaning; New Horizons Painting requires ½ down to begin work; Board voted and approved to pay \$3,250 to begin work on 9/8/20

NEW BUSINESS:

-Town Council Meeting- Jessica attended last month on August 19<sup>th</sup> to submit painting bill to IFAD under the Coronavirus relief fund; Phil Pucket (Avilla Horseshoes) supportive

-meetings held third Wednesday of the month, 7pm at Town Hall 9/16/20

-Proposal to Town about acquiring grassy lot on Sycamore Way: the Town wants to discuss Sycamore Way property further; Town owns the property and seem open to beautification endeavors

-Noble Trails- Support committee being formed; first meeting scheduled for 9/9; currently determining location of meeting; Jessica and Nate plan to attend

OPEN DISCUSSION:

-Heritage Park Christmas Tree Lighting-Jessica to call Kammerer regarding a tree stand; may also reach out to Wic Fab (John Wicker); Nate also has a contact who may be asked for assistance

-Dead Tree cut down: new trees to be planted when appropriate

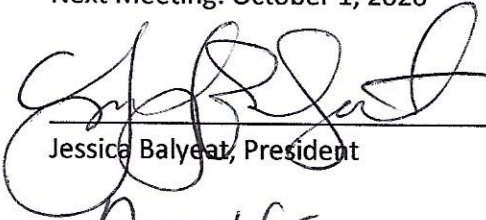
-Flag pole has been fixed; just waiting for new flag to arrive

-Halloween Event Preparation- Need to ask the Town Council when they will know if trick or treating is permitted; APD hopes to partner with Fire Department—Chad Geiger is the contact, Jessica to connect to make tentative plans if event is approved to be held

-Auburn Skate Park is opening this weekend- APD may partner to learn about their planning process and the cost for developing a skate park in Avilla

-Hidden Diamonds splash pad the most recent splash pad project in Noble County- Past documentation shows that their planning committee was very successful fundraising for their splash pad; APD may try to connect with their team for ideas for fundraising for an Avilla splash pad in the future

Next Meeting: October 1, 2020

  
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Jessica Balyeat, President

  
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Nate Hicks, Vice President

  
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Ann Freeman, Secretary

  
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Megan Kline, Board Member

*Approved  
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