

**Avilla Park Board Meeting Agenda**  
**October 1, 2020**

- Call to Order @ 7:30pm
- Reading of previous meeting minutes: Ann Freeman; moved and approved with corrections

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 5 Year Plan, Chris Baas to present the drafted complete plan within the next week to APD (Avilla Parks Dept), will post to Facebook once reviewed by the Board
  - Baas will get the complete draft plan within 5 days; APD will review and offer edits; then post to Facebook for public input
  
- Drawing of name for questionnaire gift card
  - Winner drawn for survey participation: Dorothy McIntosh- Jessica will contact & award prize
  
- Story Walk by Avilla library, update & quote; Ruth Guthrie (NCPL Avilla in attendance)
  - Ruth shared several quotes she has collected for this project; most interested in following up with IMPACT's welding dept; may ask them do to 1/3 of the post construction; APD would have to assist with purchasing building materials; Library has small budget they might contribute as well; Ligonier earned a grant for their project
  - Template/blue print exists for page boxes, Ruth has sent to Impact
  - Also discussed the benches in Hometown- composite developed; collecting bottle caps; may look at adding these along Avilla trails
    - Kammerer Welding- Beth's Benches
  - Ruth waiting to hear from IMPACT contact, but Conley would be 2<sup>nd</sup> choice
    - Following discussion with Ruth Guthrie it was determined that IMPACT would be an extended waiting period; Parks Board voted and approved moving forward with the Conley quote (APD to pay ½ of costs associated with NCPL Avilla Story Walk materials); APD to cut check to NCPL and allow them to complete the project
  
- Park grant Operations Roundup (W.I.P.) still nothing from Avilla Ball
  
- W.I.P. to fix Upper diamonds flooding of concession stand.
  
- Called WickFab, contact is Mark Eck, waiting to hear back regarding the tree stand for Heritage Park tree lighting

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Skate Park Group to talk about info they have gathered
  - Discussed project in Auburn and how they used Indiana Hunger Skate Parks and partnered with Tony Hawk Foundation (grants- will donate to any project size)
  - Indiana based foundations to be explored
  - Jessica stated it would be a sun-down park- no plans to light it
  - Skate Park Group talked about doing fundraisers like bake sales, corn sales, fall items
  - Next steps- research grant applications, determine eligibility
  
- Propose Job description to Employees Roger, Howard for them to sign – Howard signed his description; Rodger stated her could not complete tasks with heights involved (cleaning gutters for example); further discussion is needed
  
- Trick or Treat 5-7pm on Oct. 31 and Costume Contest @ 7:30? (talk about possibly Partnering with APoD, AFD for community dinner)

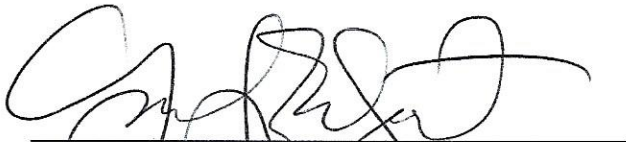
- Potential community chili dinner- take out dinner (bowls with lids and silverware packets)
  - First location option: Pavilion (weather permitting); Second location option: Fire Station inside bays (if inclement weather); Jessica to follow up with Fire Chief Chad Geiger
  - Assembly of Halloween bags—to be scheduled
- Purchase of Gator? – used to maintain the trails; open to exploring costs associated
    - Discussed idea for resurfacing trails
    - Dean Eldridge to be contacted for mulch
- Discuss time ending/starting for renters to be out so time can be made to disinfect the Community Center- request renters leave by 9:00pm
- Should we buy a chair & table rack to organize the Community Center
    - Moved and approved to purchase chair rack (expense up to \$500)
- Water sanitizing classes possible to be held at Community Center, during the day, vote on and approve
    - Water sanitizing crew- in service for workers; moved and approved

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Tasks complete:

- Community Center painted; Howard slowly replacing receps and switches to white
- American Flag is in, how do we keep people from stealing it. – investigate cost of new pole for next year where rope is internal
- Gave town council proposal of what we would do with the new acquisition W. Eley Park area and Sycamore Way—discussed inviting members of Freedom Festival to next meeting or further discussion of land use

NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2020



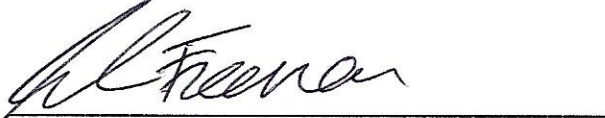

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