

Avilla Park Board Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2021

- **Call to Order @ 7:30pm**
- **Reading of previous meeting minutes: Ann Freeman**, approved as read

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **5 Year Plan**, Reached out to Bob Ronson (small towns IDNR), asked Town Council to consider the idea of deeding the 15 acres west of Eley Park so we can use that for LWCF grant; plans to remain in communication with Town Council
- **Story Walk by Avilla library-** Email update on story walk from Ruth, Project still has not started (i.e. the build); waiting for NCPL for further progress
- **Library and Avilla Parks collaboration of Easter:** Email was sent to update on Easter in the Park event.
  - Discussed use of park lane for drive-by event; decoration with stick balloons; APD will help stuff 200 eggs; NCPL would like to have 4 grand prizes—APD will donate 2 grand prizes= boy & girl bicycles, moved and approved by the Board
  - NCPL open to including APD flyer; discussed including information about Dog Park project

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Dog Park-** Ann to fill us in on meeting from Restore Avilla
  - Community Impact Grant submitted by Bill Ley; decision will be made by April 2021; requested \$30,000 (\$36,000 budget for project)
  - Discussed fundraising ideas: 5k with dogs; seek a t-shirt sponsor (benefit to sponsor- advertising); event likely to be held around Town of Avilla
  - School engagement- Hat Day (wear a “hat” for \$1—donations to Avilla Dog Park)
  - Engraved signage fundraiser, discussed contacting Andy Uhl who does engravings
- Discussed baseball diamond project- discussed feedback from Town Council; APD hopes to move forward with the addition of a larger diamond and refurbishment of existing middle diamond; discussed need to add lights

to middle diamond (REMC Round Up Grant)

- **Snow blower-** Howard has looked at the snow blower, oil is clean, but blower is fairly new, he thinks it is internal said Chad can look at it. Howard thinks it is a lemon, Discussion? Howard- may take it to Chad; contact manufacturer; possibly return depending on where it came; investigate RK for return if that is where it came from
  - Kenfelt- Cost for Gator for municipality

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

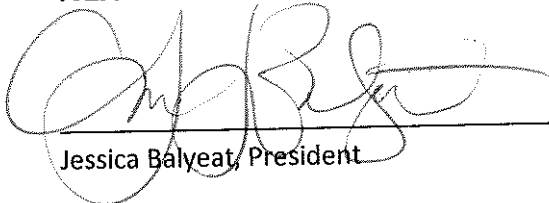
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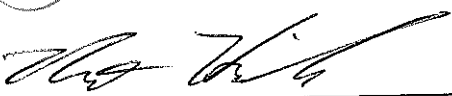
**5-year plan fully executed by APD**


Avilla Ball using Community Center for ball sign-ups

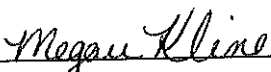
- Saturday rental- one Saturday morning; renter in the afternoon; requested discount; Board voted that the rental amount would remain the same
- Discussed electronic calendar system for rentals; issue= must have credit card  
Nate will do research into electronic calendar systems.

**NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2021**

  
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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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Meghan Kline, Board Member

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021  
(Date)

Avilla Parks Board Meeting  
Attendance Sign-In Sheet

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