

**Avilla Park Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2023**

- Called to order @ 6:30pm
- Approval of previous meeting minutes: Ann Freeman- approved as read

Old Business

- Park Clean Up, April 22nd, 2023
 - Thank you to all that came out to help
 - Special thank you to Schaller Greenhouse
- JPR Proposal- May 16th at 6pm at Community Center
- Tree- Town does not have equipment to remove tree
 - Scott Henry- may be able to cut up tree, cannot grind trunk
 - E's Tree Service
 - Matt West- locally; 900 & Weimer Rd [260-387-3555]
 - Lynn Miller- off Baseline Rd
- Vandalism at park and diamonds-
 - Pavilion- light bulbs broken out.
- Fencing around playgrounds
 - Email around 4/17 – 2 to 3 weeks out; still unsure of when job is getting done
- Community Center Damage—bill from Nordon's
 - Approved to pay \$10,039.27
 - Claim \$5,397.07—keep an eye to make sure this claim amount returns to Parks budget
- Avilla Park Clean Up Day- April 22, 2023 (10am to 1pm)
 - Partnering with Schaller Greenhouse and Landscape & community

New Business

- Mulch on trails
 - Idea to pull from compost
 - Pricing cost of mulch- ask Katie (KS suggested Bueschings)
 - Large mulch company near New Haven
 - Hulen's? Jeff Straessle- Samara Landscaping
- JPR Proposal- discussed contract for planning of new park space; Board approved payment of \$9,800 to begin process
 - Professional plans are necessary to seek cost estimates; cost estimates are necessary to seek grant funding

- Community Center repairs
 - Painting, cleaning, chair rack repair/purchase new- Ann checking with Victor Rivera of New Horizons Painting to confirm interior paint color; another option to is do color matching via Home Depot (will need to take a chunk of paint for them to match from)
 - Discussed need to have center deep cleaned.
 - Approved purchase of new chair rack; discussed the need to add explicit directions of how to load the rack to avoid future damage from overloading the top of the rack
 - No smoking/ no vaping signage- Ann to send Rita a purchase request for adhesive sheet protectors for printed signage
 - Soap dispensers- Clark Wakemen- ask for assistance
- Park Bathrooms- discussed potential upgrades to bathrooms to include an all-in-one sink, soap dispenser, hand dryer (as seen at Augusta Hills Community Center); an attractive option as it would remove the paper towels from the bathrooms which are used to clog toilets (to vandalize the bathrooms)
 - Determined that this option is likely cost prohibitive unless upgrades to the bathrooms could be included in larger LWCF grant plans when developing new land
 - Discussed need to replace soap dispensers inside the Community Center and deep cleaning of all park bathrooms
 - How to prevent damage- increased police patrols happening
- Summer Bash at Eley Park- July 1, 2023 (9am to 1pm)
 - Partnering with NCPL (slip & slide) & AFD to open hydrant
 - Schedule discussion with Katie, Ruth, Chad—protocols with food safe handling
 - Ann to reach out
- Tree removal/ground repair- Lisa working with Brian Carroll to remove remaining down tree behind the Community Center
- Allen County fencing- Lisa reaching out to secure specific date of repair work
- Freedom Festival donation ideas
 - Sponsor talent show

Open Discussion:

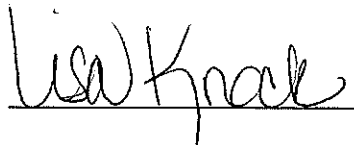
- AED- available from Avilla Fire Dept; discussion of where to put the unit
 - Discussed putting in the farther concession stand
 - Need to order a temperature-controlled box to store unit
 - Idea to install a unit case in the open which has a tamper alarm and red flashing light to find

- Discuss with Ren on May 16th; plans to put unit in the concession stand

Our next Avilla Park Board meeting is Thursday, June 1st, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Signatures of Approval:



President, Lisa Krock



Vice President, Ann Freeman



Board Member, Nate Hicks