

Avilla Park Board Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2023

- Called to order @ 6:30pm
- Special Presentation: Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR) by Nathan Deig and Sydney King
 - Total estimated cost of park development \$2,722,000
 - Timeline- November/December, re-evaluate project to assess points to be won in grant application for Land Water Conservation Fund grant cycle; December/January, partner with grant writer to complete application; February/March grant submission
 - Interim projects- Identify aspects to push into "Phase 2" goals; work to correct issues with the property that are not associated with grant points (i.e., drainage issues, electrical underground)
- Approval of previous meeting minutes: Ann Freeman- approved as read

Old Business

- Summer Bash on July 15th – low success due to weather
 - House Brisket provided food and Parks provided face painting
- Repairs at the Park-
 - Drainage issues- Any estimates from various companies?
 - Running electrical underground- Any estimates? Approach NIPSCO or Wolverine Electric
 - Parks to approach the RDC board for financial assistance once we have 3 quotes
- New Mower and Weed Eater- Plevna Implement (Auburn) invoice for Toro 4000 Series 60" model #74004 and Stihl FS91R Professional Trimmer: total cost \$10,819
 - Voted and approved
- Touch a Truck Event with Avilla Fire Department, NCPL, and Chamber
 - September 9th from 10am to 4pm
 - Parks to provide face painting *12pm - 4pm*
- Halloween Costume Contest- Parks to distribute candy at Gazebo; idea to invite residents who live outside of town to set up in the parking spots adjacent to the gazebo "trunk or treat"
 - Trick or Treat 10/31 from 5-7pm
 - Costume contest at 7pm in the Community Center
 - Prizes for 0-5yo, 6-10yo, 11-17yo, Adult, and Judges Favorite
 - Five prizes total; \$25 gift cards to Walmart
- Christmas Tree Lighting- December 2nd
 - NCPL to provide reindeer; RDC to have the space cleaned up by then; Police to block parking spaces in front of Heritage Park; Chamber provides Santa
 - See if Avilla Legion wants to partner with hot cocoa and treats
 - Reach out to Restore Avilla to see how they want to partner
 - Parks to secure Brian Rexroad as DJ
 - Need to schedule tree decorating
- Dog Park usage-
 - Suggestion to add more enrichment items
 - Organize a "dog party"— suggestion of short event on 10/14 (avoiding Apple Festival weekend)

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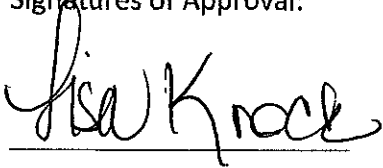
- Avilla Ball- Community members inquiring as to who provides financial oversight for Avilla Ball accounts; Parks is not responsible for Avilla Ball's financial management. It is a separate entity.
- Freedom Festival- inquiring about concessions fundraising opportunities at the Coliseum; Parks has declined participation at this time.

Open Discussion:

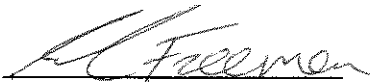
Our next Avilla Park Board meeting is Thursday, September 7th, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

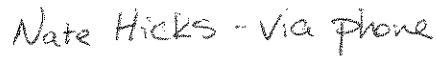
Signatures of Approval:



President, Lisa Krock



Vice President, Ann Freeman



Board Member, Nate Hicks