

AVISTON PARK DISTRICT



Dennis Rakers, President ___

Gary Lewis, Vice President ✓

Randy Voss, Secretary ✓

Cindy Zurliene, Treasurer ✓

Denise Zurliene ✓

Neal Richter ✓

Troy Kapp ✓

Aviston Park Regular Board Meeting

Monday September 30, 2024

Aviston Village Hall 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order - 7:05 PM

- a. Roll Call - (All Present except Rakers)
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Accept/Amend Agenda - (1st Lewis 2nd Kapp)

2. Introduction of Guests / Guest Comments - (Bill Smothers) - Disc Golf.....see 6a....(Buck Lohman) - Aviston Park Employee...concerned about additional dead trees & many downed limbs....at least 3 trees along baseball outfield fence (24 years old)...Buck will flag addicted trees...also leaking bathroom north of dog park,,will be addressed asap....Emig Plumbing "in the loop"....new Gator has been ordered....Buck wondering about funds to pay for it...ACIC will purchase & old one has \$2500 trade-in allowance....Buck intends to retire in November 2024...APB will be seeking a replacement.....KUDOS TO BUCK FOR & YEARS OF SERVICE TO AVISTON PARK!!

3. Consent Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes** from August 26, 2024 meeting (1st Kapp 2nd Voss) - motion carried unanimously amongst members present (Rakers absent)
- b. **Approval of Treasurer's Report & Payment of Bills** for September 2024 (1st Lewis 2nd D.Zurliene)...motion carried unanimously amongst members present (Rakers absent)

Starting Balance → \$6,031.44

Ch. #	Date	Description	Category	Amount
920	8/27/2024	Behlmann - Concrete for GA-GA (\$260 Credit?)	New Project	-\$465.00
	9/4/2024	Farm Bureau Grant	Grant	+\$1,000.00
	9/4/2024	Youth League Reimbursement	Maintenance	+\$900.00
	9/6/2024	First Tax Payment from CC	Taxes	+\$34,530.95
921	9/10/2024	Bankcard Services (CC Electric-\$1047 & Aviston Lumber)	Utilities & Maintenance	-\$1,224.84
922	9/10/2024	Gateway FS	Maintenance	-\$192.86
923	9/10/2024	Riechman - Repair of Gator	Maintenance	-\$325.07
924	9/10/2024	Smart Industry - Doggy Bags for Dog Stations	Maintenance	-\$420.96
925	9/18/2024	Aviston Lumber - Outstanding Bill from Ga-Ga Pit	New Project	-\$30.57
	9/20/2024	Donation from Eagle Scout	Donation	+\$1000.00
926	9/20/2024	Foppe Ace Hardware- Pickup Tool	Maintenance	-\$27.99
		Midwest Bank - \$80,850 Interest Bearing Account (\$50,000-OSLAD)		

Ending Balance → \$40,775.10

4. Finished Business

- a. **Eagle Scout Donation** - \$1000 received from SALs & ACIC (\$500 each)...Turf Installed...finished project!!
- b. **Port-O-Potty** - yearly rental for Dog Park....already ordered
- c. **Citizens for Aviston** - ticket purchased by APB

5. Unfinished / New Business

- a. **OSLAD Grant 2024 (Update)**...Markus Excavating – Work started!...Bid will be a bit higher since field sizes expanded...Check for \$50,000 received...Ordering Drop Boxes & Drainage Materials....Bill from Netemeyer Engineering for \$9,652.50 for Soccer Park needing approval from APB (1st Richter 2nd Kapp)...motion carried unanimously amongst members present (Rakers absent)
- b. **Farm Bureau** – Video with Cindy Zurliene talks about Aviston Park....thank you Farm Bureau!
- c. **Ditch Project between Aviston Lumber Yard & Main Big Ditch** – Neal Richter reports...APB paying for labor....Village paying for materials/concrete...hoping to do some more digging & grading after recent rain so concrete can be poured ASAP...whole project pending weather
- d. **John Deere Gator Repairs / New John Deere Gator** - (see item 2 above)...delivery November 9, 2024
- e. **Softball Diamond Lights** – Parts received (Mike Rakers has parts & will install)

- f. **Softball Sprinklers** – Village hooked up water, solenoids replaced...Will test before Nov 1.
- g. **Park Tree update** – Neal Richter reports APB received a \$3,000 matching grant from Trees Forever!! (see page 4 for details)....planting to start in November 2024
- h. **Batting Cage Net is Shot on Older Cage**...Suggest taking down & painting cage this fall. Timmermann will provide a lift to assist painting...planning as a future project

6. Other Matters – On-Hold

- a. **Frisbee Golf (Bill Smothers)** - looking for insight into fundraising....ACIC may be interested in helping...Bill also seeking other sponsors...still coordinating but no news for now
- b. **Additional Netting on Baseball Diamond** - no news

7. Adjourn (1st Richter 2nd Voss) 8:06 PM

Next Meeting Monday October 28, 2024 @ 7:00 PM – Aviston Village Hall

X _____
Dennis Rakers, APB President

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Randall L. Voss, APB Secretary



TREES FOREVER

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80 W 8th Avenue • Marion, IA 52302

September 18, 2024

Neal Richter
15206 Schumacher Road
Aviston, IL 62216

Dear Neal,

Congratulations! We're happy to inform you that Aviston Park District has been awarded a \$3,000.00 tree planting grant from the Trees Forever Illinois *Recover, Replant & Restore!* program. We're pleased to work with you to plant trees and grow a greener community!

This grant requires a 100% match of the funds awarded, as described in the application. Please keep track of and document all volunteer hours, eligible expenditures or other in-kind activities. This is also a reimbursable grant, meaning your check will be sent once the planting is complete and all paperwork (project reporting form, receipts, match documentation, etc.) is received. We're happy to help you with this process, so please reach out if you have questions or need assistance. Please reach out to your field coordinator listed below for the final reporting form.

All reporting documentation must be submitted by **April 1, 2025**.

Here are some helpful reminders as you plan for planting:

- Remember to Call J.U.I.L.E at 811 before you dig to locate any underground utilities.
- Look up before planting your trees to ensure they will not interfere with overhead utility lines.
- Please take several photos of your volunteers who help with the planting project.

We appreciate you and all the other volunteers helping in your community. The *Recover, Replant & Restore!* program is having a measurable, positive effect in communities across the state thanks to the participation of hard-working, committed individuals like you. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact your Trees Forever field coordinator, Emily Ehley, at 618-570-5921 or eehley@treesforever.org.

Best Wishes,

Michelle Beisker
CEO
Trees Forever

Emily Ehley
Central/Southern IL Field Coordinator
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