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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, January 9th, 2020

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00p.m. by Park Board President, Jeremy Fisk. Suzanne Findley, Jim Kirkham, Dale Donahue, Michael List, and Tim Edsell were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Megan Bowman, Superintendent; Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; Roger Young, Park Board Attorney; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers; Tara LaFave, Indiana Horse Council Foundation; and Dee Kirkham. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded that the agenda be adopted with a change to move Other Business: From Floor up after presentation of claims. Motion carried.

Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded that the December 16th, 2019 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for January were presented for approval. **Suzanne Findley moved and Jim Kirkham seconded to approve the January claims, as presented for \$21,125.76. Motion carried.**

From the Floor and More:

- Tara LaFave from the Indiana Horse Council Foundation makes a presentation for their proposed clinic/show in 2020. They have had 20 spots already sold. They are asking to pay half the cost of Baker Arena and half the cost for all stalls used. **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to approve the Indiana Horse Council Foundation show for 2020 with the discounted rate for Baker Arena and stalls. Jim Kirkham abstained. Motion carried.**

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Roger informs the Board that they are close to finalizing the purchase agreement for the Independence Park playground equipment.
- Roger presents the contract for him to provide legal counsel for the Board in 2020. **Tim Edsell moved and Suzanne Findley seconded to approve Roger Young as the Johnson County Park Board Attorney for 2020. Motion carried.**

Planning Report:

- Nothing to report.

Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:

- Megan states that the Independence Park playground is moving forward.
- Megan presents the contract for Ramsey Pyrotechnics for Sparks in the Park. Ramsey requires a \$3,000 deposit and the remaining \$7,000 after the event. **Suzanne Findley moved and Jim Kirkham seconded to approve the contract with Ramsey Pyrotechnics for Sparks in the Park. Motion carried.**
- Megan mentions that maintenance staff has been working hard cleaning out ditches around the park and remodeling the amphitheater bathrooms, and other projects.
- The playground equipment has been delivered and the installation of the equipment is tentatively scheduled for March 23rd. Job Corps will remove all of the existing equipment and level out the ground. Independence Park will have to be completely closed for up to 3 weeks while the playground is getting installed.
- Megan mentions that the Tourism Board has sponsored an ad for the park in the festival guide. So our ad this year for the Heartnut Festival is much bigger than we normally get, which is great.
- Megan informs the Board that we were awarded \$15,000 from the Branigin Foundation. They will sponsor a component of the playground called the unity dome.



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- Megan brings up that the contracts for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent need to be approved for 2020. **Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded to approve Megan Bowman as Superintendent. Motion carried. Tim Edsell moved and Suzanne Findley seconded to approve Kevin Leonard as Assistant Superintendent. Motion carried.**
- Megan also mentions that the Board needs to vote on officers for 2020. **Tim Edsell moved and Suzanne Findley seconded for Jeremy Fisk to remain the Park Board President for 2020. Motion carried. Suzanne Findley moved and Dale Donahue seconded for Sarah Hanson to remain the Park Board Vice President for 2020. Motion carried. Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded for Jim Kirkham to remain the Park Board Secretary for 2020. Motion carried.**
- Megan informs the Board that she attended a public meeting for Prince's Lakes Water. Water rates will be increasing again and Megan expressed some concerns that maintenance has not been happening regarding hydrants in the Park.

Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Kevin presents the 2020 event calendar. Sparks in the Park is June 26th, the Car Show is August 15th, and the Heartnut Community Festival will be on September 12th. We will add other smaller events and programs throughout the year.
- Christmas in the Park brought in around 2,000 cars. Kevin and Megan will be meeting with Ben Voils soon to recap the event this year and talk about the event for 2020.

President's Report

- Nothing to report.

Jim Kirkham moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:25p.m. Suzanne Findley seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Kirkham, Secretary