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

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

**Sarah Hanson moved and Suzanne Findley seconded that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

**Tim Edsell moved and Suzanne Findley seconded that the June 4th, 2020 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

Claims for July were presented for approval. **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to approve the July claims, as presented for \$74,915.93 Motion carried.**

**Roger Young's Legal Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Planning Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report (Read by Kevin Leonard):**

- The ribbon cutting at Independence Park went really well. We had 12 people attend.
- Independence Park should open sometime the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>. The pour in place surfacing repair is complete and the final ground work is complete. All we have left to do is the parking lot stone work, tree removal by Brown's Tree Service, and some other light things to prepare for opening.
- Megan sent a tree removal quote over email from Brown's Tree Service. We have some large trees in Independence Park that need to be removed. The quote to remove trees is \$4,400. **Tim Edsell moved and Dale Donahue seconded to approve the quote from Brown's Tree Service and come up with a plan to remove the stumps. Motion carried.**
- The Board is presented a quote from KO Excavating to do the parking lot stone work at Independence Park. The parking lot extension will be more expensive since Job Corps is unable to do the work. We have been working on getting a second quote to compare. The Board would like to see a second quote so we can have a comparison to the quote from KO Excavating. **Sarah Hanson moved and Michael List seconded to approve the parking lot stone work project for an amount up to \$12,000 and get a second quote to compare. Motion carried.**
- County budget deadlines have been extended and they will most likely be due in August or September sometime. We have not received any details yet but Megan has talked with Council member, Josh McCarty. They want everyone to have more time to rebound from COVID-19 and the Council thought they will have a better financial picture for the County at that time.
- The Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant has been submitted and we received feedback from DNR. DNR conducted an onsite visit with Megan to look over both projects. During the meeting we discussed the possibility of upping our match to \$75,000 instead of \$50,000. That would make the grant total \$150,000 instead of \$100,000. This would give us more of a cushion since the cost of the camp store could end up being more due to the deteriorated condition of the current building. Megan will submit the adjusted numbers to DNR if approved. **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to up our match to \$75,000 and the grant total to \$150,000. Motion carried.**



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- DNR has sent Megan information on the previous LWCF Grant that was completed by Kim Wwinner in the 1980's. There are property covenant questions now that we have maps of the boundaries from that project. Megan will reach out to Roger Young she returns to discuss these. The areas in the park that utilize these grant funds have restrictions and those where not always adhered to. The two current projects do fall inside the boundary so they are okay. The restrictions from the 1980's could affect future projects that are listed in the master plan. Megan will work with Roger to get everything sorted out and will provide more information at the August Board Meeting.

#### **Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:**

- We have hired a new part-time person to help on the weekends at the horse park. At this time she is helping out on Sundays but hopefully in the future she can pick up more hours.
- We still do not have the DOC crew coming to the park. We are unsure when they will be able to come out but it does not appear it will be anytime soon.
- We have been looking into options since DOC has not been able to come out. We have had a Community Corrections crew from the jail come out two times recently to help around the park.
- We are also looking into an agriculture vacuum. The piece of equipment is called the Little Wonder AgVac 5s vacuum. I have been trying to schedule a demo to test the equipment to see if it would work for us. We will keep trying to schedule a demo so we can try to find something that could work for us.
- We have scheduled a couple volunteers that need community service hours completed. We had a girl come two days this week and we will have a man come next Monday to volunteer.
- We had the Adult Egg Hunt on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We had 38 people attend. The event went really well, everyone had a great time, and we got a lot of positive feedback from the attendees.
- We will keep looking into options to help with cleaning the stalls after shows. We will keep the Board informed on options that we have for the rest of the year for stall cleaning.

#### **President's Report:**

- Nothing to report.

#### **From the Floor and More:**

- Dan Goins with the Indiana Live Steamers mentions that they will have a work session this Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Suzanne Findley moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35p.m. Sarah Hanson seconded. Motion carried.**

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Jim Kirkham, Secretary