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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, September 3rd, 2020

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00p.m. by Park Board President, Jeremy Fisk. Sarah Hanson, Dale Donahue, Jim Kirkham 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; Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers; and Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

Sarah Hanson moved and Jim Kirkham seconded that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Sarah Hanson moved and Tim Edsell seconded that the August 6th, 2020 minutes be approved with a change under the Superintendent's Report. On the third bullet point the word additional needs to be changed to addition. Motion carried.

Claims for September were presented for approval. **Tim Edsell moved and Jim Kirkham seconded to approve the September claims, as presented for \$20,676,11 Motion carried.**

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Roger states he has amended Park Resolution 2019-2, that identifies that persons allowed to trespass park patrons from park property. Richard Howe has been added to that resolution. **Jim Kirkham moved and Sarah Hanson seconded the amendment to Resolution 2019-2. Motion carried.**

Planning Report:

- Nothing to report.

Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:

- We have received a lot of positive feedback about the new playground at Independence Park. The arch that was purchased with the "A Kid Again" Grant is getting delivered tomorrow. The Highway Department also placed a traffic counter in Independence Park. We were averaging 100-150 cars per day before the new playground was installed and now we are averaging 349 cars per day. We have also received a few more donations for Independence Park.
- Megan will go to the County Council meeting on September 21st to appropriate the money to pay for the arch.
- The machines that we rented to help clean the stalls did not work for us. This is very disappointing but we are still looking into other options.
- We have been advertising and looking to hire a part-time person for the horse park and a part-time janitorial position.
- We have been communicating with the shows to help pick up trash and clean out their stalls. The last few shows have done a great job with cleaning before they leave.
- We are working on getting a bid from Toro and other companies on new mowers and equipment.
- Maintenance worker Paul Phelps is retiring on October 26th.
- Looking at our report of collections we are down \$81,668.87. That number is compared to the report of collections at this time in 2019.
- Megan is working with Roger Young to decipher the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant the park received in the 1980's.
- We have some user group events coming up soon. Columbus Model Railroad and the RC Flyers will have events on September 12th. The Johnson County Antique Machinery Association will have a tractor pull on September 19th.



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- The bond project to replace roofs at the horse park has begun. So far the roofs that have been replaced look great.
- Megan has started monthly meetings with Brad and Kevin.
- Megan has met with the Highway Department and the Museum on how to properly memorialize the leaning tree on airport that is getting cut down.
- Our Carni-Fall event that we conduct in partnership with the Johnson County Public Library will be on October 24th. We still plan to do this event but will change up some of the things we have at the event and the event will have a different name.
- Camp-O-Ween will be on October 10th and we will change some things with this event as well but we still plan to have the event.
- Megan has talked with Edinburgh Parks about possibly partnering on some type of trick or treating event.
- The campground is full for Labor Day Weekend.

Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Kevin, Brad and Megan will be meeting soon to go through the horse park contract to make changes for 2021. Once the contract is complete Kevin will send it out to the Board to look over. The contract can be officially approved at the October Park Board Meeting.
- A group from Camp Atterbury will be conducting a change of command ceremony in the amphitheater on September 21st.
- The National Guard is conducting a graduation ceremony for their warrant officer program in the amphitheater from September 23rd to September 26th.
- We are still planning on having the Camp-O-Ween event on October 10th and the Carni-Fall event on October 24th. We are going to do the events differently to make them as hands off as possible. Megan and Kevin are still working on all of the details for both events.
- Kevin was contacted by the Daily Journal to talk about what the park offers for people to get outside and experience nature. The article was in the Southside Family magazine that went out this past week.

President's Report:

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- The Indiana Live Steamers are still having vandalism down in their area. That will be addressed with our camp hosts so they can keep an eye out for anything happening around their area as well.

Sarah Hanson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:17p.m. Tim Edsell seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Kirkham, Secretary