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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, October 1st, 2020

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

Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded to move Other Business: From Floor up to go after Adoption of the Agenda. Motion carried.

From the Floor and More:

- Ben Voils with Christmas at the Park makes his presentation to the Board for the event in 2020. They will change up the route a little bit this year. They will use the parking lot that is north of antique machinery and will also use the Heartnut Shelter. They will follow current CDC and Health Department guidelines. They had around 2,000 cars at the event in 2019 and look to make the event larger this year. They will make 3 payments of \$2,000 for a total of \$6,000. **Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded to approve the Christmas at the Park event for 2020. Motion carried.**
- Dan Goins with Indiana Live Steamers mentions that the small engine group will begin construction soon. Dan will provide plans to Megan.

Tim Edsell moved and Jim Kirkham seconded that the September 3rd, 2020 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for October were presented for approval. **Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded to approve the October claims, as presented for \$68,764.46 Motion carried.**

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Nothing to report.
- Megan was contacted by the SBA cell tower group. They are looking to potentially make changes to the current lease for the cell tower. Megan has sent the contract to Roger to look over.

Planning Report:

- Nothing to report.

Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:

- Megan mentions we are on the schedule for October 7th for the 2021 Budget Hearings. The final Budget Hearing will be on October 9th.
- We joined "RVillage" it is basically like Facebook for campers. Megan also paid \$59 to attend a webinar on how to market to campers. We also took out an ad in the Daily Journal Outdoor Southside Magazine and in the Town Planner calendar.
- Megan and Kevin will be meeting soon about the 2021 events and will provide updates at the November meeting.
- Our current report of collections shows that we are down \$76,957 from this time in 2019.
- Megan received an email from Ken Kosky about possibly partnering with Festival Country for naming rights on the amphitheater. Megan will talk to Roger regarding naming rights.
- We have a lot of wood from trees that we have cut down. We are looking at having a wood sale and sell the wood by the truck load. We will figure up a price.



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- We have a quote from Burt's for termite damage in the maintenance workshop. The price to treat the entire building is \$4,480 or we can do a partial treatment for just the room that has damage for \$390. We will proceed with the partial treatment and continue to monitor the building.
- We are looking paving the parking lot extension at Independence Park. We will get more quotes to bring to the November Meeting.
- Paul Phelps, one of maintenance workers, is retiring on October 26th. He has been here 12 years and we will get him a retirement gift. The Park Board approved the purchase of a retirement gift for Paul Phelps.
- We have been interviewing for our full-time maintenance positions.
- The Native Tree Workshop has been canceled but we are still moving forward with the tree sale.
- Megan mentions that we are participating in a county-wide partnership called Walktober. It is a walking program throughout the month of October that people can enter to win prizes.

Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Our Camp-O-Ween event is October 10th. We are going to change some things up at the event but feel we can still have the event and conduct everything safely. We will also introduce a new contest at the event. That contest will be who can make the most creative 6 foot candy delivery system.
- The Carni-Fall event that we partner with Johnson County Public Library has been canceled this year. After discussing all of the logistics with the library we felt this was the best decision.
- The Board is presented the 2021 Hoosier Horse Park Contract. Kevin, Megan, and Brad have met to discuss changes we wanted to make for 2021. Some of the changes include: We will now require participants to clean out their stalls and will have a fee for not doing so, the trash clean-up fee is raised, we will raise the rental fee for a few arenas that have been upgraded, the rental fee for golf carts is raised, and we will no longer allow 4-wheelers. **Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded to approve the 2021 Hoosier Horse Park Contract pending legal. Motion carried.**

President's Report:

- Nothing to report.

Tim Edsell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:42p.m. Michael List seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Kirkham, Secretary