



*Johnson County Parks & Recreation Department will develop, operate and maintain parks that enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, and preserve greenspace for future generations.*

---

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Johnson County Park Board of Directors**  
**Johnson County Park Department**  
Thursday, March 4th, 2021

The Johnson County Parks and Recreation Board met for their March meeting on March 4, 2021 at the Park Office. Present in person were Board Members Jim Kirkham, Tim Edsell, and Michael List. Board President Jeremy Fisk and Board Members Suzanne Findley and Sarah Hanson were present electronically via Zoom. Park staff and audience present in person: Megan Bowman, Superintendent; Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; and Roger Young, Park Board Attorney. Audience present in person: Hal Bossingham, Columbus Model Railroad; Bob Morrison, White River Broadcasting; and Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers. Audience present electronically: Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers.

All Board Members were able to hear and make comments.

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00p.m. by Park Board President, Jeremy Fisk. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

**Tim Edsell moved and Jim Kirkham seconded that the agenda be adopted as presented.**

**Votes: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**

**Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded that the February 7th, 2021 minutes be approved as presented. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**

Claims for March were presented for approval. **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to approve the March claims, as presented for \$19,901.42. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**

**Roger Young's Legal Report:**

- Nothing to report.
- Megan informs Roger and the Board that we need to update the Park Resolution that gives certain people the authority to trespass persons from the Park. This will be Resolution 2021-1. We need to remove Dale Donahue and add Jordan Martin to the resolution. **Suzanne Findley moved and Jim Kirkham seconded to approve Park Resolution 2021-1. Votes : 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**

**Planning Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Election of Board Officers:**

- Megan mentions that we need to elect officers for 2021.
- **Tim Edsell moved and Suzanne Findley seconded to nominate Jeremy Fisk to remain Board President. Votes: 5 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes. Motion carried.**
- **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to nominate Sarah Hanson to remain Board Vice President. Votes: 5 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**
- **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to nominate Jim Kirkham to remain Board Secretary. Votes: 5 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**



*Johnson County Parks & Recreation Department will develop, operate and maintain parks that enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, and preserve greenspace for future generations.*

---

### **Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Appointments**

- **Suzanne Finely moved and Michael List seconded to appoint Megan Bowman as Park Superintendent and Kevin Leonard as Park Assistant Superintendent for 2021. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 –no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**

### **Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:**

- Megan informs the Board that we will have more, new park signage coming soon.
- Megan presents the 2020 Annual Report to the Board.
- Megan presents our 2021 Park Events calendar. We still are planning that all events will happen this year.
- Room and Shelter rentals will come back after March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Soil and Water District received a couple grants to place a native seed library at McClain Cabin and then a native/invasive plants library at the Park Office.
- Megan mentions that Kic-It is creating "Blessing Boxes" for people to utilize. Megan would like to have one placed at the Park Office.
- Megan will be conducting craft nights once a month.
- Megan informs the Board that Festival Country did not receive the grant for the obstacle course but we will be meeting with another group to discuss the potential of adding an obstacle course in the Park.
- Megan mentions that the flag pole outside the Park Office is not usable and would like to get a new one. However we did find out that the flag pole is the original flag pole for Camp Atterbury. Camp Atterbury is interested in taking it and placing it at the museum. We do need to make a motion to donate the flag pole to Camp Atterbury. **Jim Kirkham moved and Sarah Hanson seconded to donate the flag pole to Camp Atterbury. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**
- The swings in the campground do need to be replaced. We have received quotes from GameTime and Midstates Recreation. We might be able to do some of the work in house so the quotes may end up needing to be re-submitted. The quotes we have received are between \$8,000 to \$10,000. **Jim Kirkham moved and Tim Edsell seconded to replace the swings in the campground at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**
- Megan has been contacted by an individual that is interested in a type of camping called "boondocking". This is camping using no amenities. The Board has some discussion regarding allowing boondocking and where to allow this type of camping. The Board agrees that we should try this type of camping and charge the same rate as normal camping.
- Megan has discussed creating specific sites for the Johnson County Sheriffs to utilize. Those sites would be for a Sheriff that would camp but would help provide extra security for the Park while they are camping. We have discussed creating new sites for this purpose or just allow the Sheriffs to camp anywhere but they would have to let us know if they want to be the "on duty" Sheriff. The Board is fine moving forward with working with the Sheriffs to have them help provide security while they stay at the campground and stay at whatever campsite they would like. The "on duty" Sheriff would not be charged for their camping reservation. **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to allow the Johnson County Sheriffs' to utilize one campsite at no charge while they provide security for the Park. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**



*Johnson County Parks & Recreation Department will develop, operate and maintain parks that enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, and preserve greenspace for future generations.*

---

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

- We are busy planning events for 2021. The band and food vendors have been booked for Sparks in the Park. Planning for Pours in the Park is going well. The event page with Indiana On Tap is up and running, tickets are available to purchase, and our event page on Facebook has been created.
- Kevin informs the Board that Brad Wisner has sent our three written requests for quotes for Stadium Warm-up. We have received a quote from OTS Construction for \$75,000 and one from Voils Concrete & Excavating for \$39,419. We will continue to do our research to make sure that whoever we choose will perform the job to our satisfaction. Roger states that we must choose the company that is lowest, responsive, and responsible. If we choose the high bid then we have to be able to prove that the company with the low bid is either not responsive or responsible. The Board would like us to do some more research on both companies and come back with a recommendation at the April meeting.
- We have been discussing changing the fee for the amphitheater. We don't feel like we should charge the same rate for every group renting the facility since some rentals could be much larger than other rentals. We would like to make the fee reflect how many people will be utilizing the facility. We are thinking a fee of \$500 for less than 500 attendees, \$750 for 500-999 attendees, and \$1,000 for 1,000+ attendees. **Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded to approve the new proposed fee schedule for the amphitheater. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 – no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**
- Kevin informs the board that we met with Bob Morrison to discuss the advantage plan with White River Broadcasting. Currently with the high school sports plan that we have we only get 40 commercials per month plus 2 ads during games. With the advantage plan we would get 200 commercials per month across 2 stations, a link to our website on all 4 stations, and a branding commercial. The high school sports plan is \$285 per month and the advantage plan is \$742 per month. Bob Morrison with White River Broadcasting explains the program to the Board in more detail. Even though the price is significantly higher we do feel like the advantage plan will help us market the park a lot more. **Tim Edsell moved and Jim Kirkham seconded to approve the advantage plan with White River Broadcasting. Votes: 6 – yes, 0 –no. Tim Edsell – yes, Jim Kirkham – yes, Michael List – yes, Sarah Hanson – yes, Suzanne Findley – yes, Jeremy Fisk – yes. Motion carried.**

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Dan Goins with the Indiana Live Steamers states that they have an Eagle Scout project to replace their unloading platform. Once the plans are finalized they will share that with the Park.
- Board Member Jim Kirkham comments on how nice the new Park sign on 252 looks.

**Suzanne Findley moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:14p.m. Michael List seconded. Motion carried.**

---

Jim Kirkham, Secretary