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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, June 3rd, 2021

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:05p.m. by Park Board President, Jeremy Fisk. Jim Kirkham, Tim Edsell, Dale Donahue, and Michael List were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; Roger Young, Park Board Attorney; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers; Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers; and Hal Bossingham, Columbus Model Railroad Club. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded that the May 6th, 2021 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for June were presented for approval. **Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded to approve the June claims, as presented for \$42,210.99. Motion carried.**

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Roger informs the Board that he and Megan talked with George Robinson from the National Park Service a couple months ago. The National Park Service is in the process of making edits to the Concession Agreements we sent.

Planning Report:

- Nothing to report.

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

- Everything is super busy; the campground is full this weekend and was full on Memorial Day weekend.
- We had a transformer blow late Saturday night, May 29, in the campground. Duke Energy responded and got the power back on. There is a faulty underground cable that they need to replace, and it currently has a temporary line. They plan to have it repaired by June 11th.
- We have a new part-time employee, Adam Sorley. He will be helping with some events and programming.
- So far Craft Night programs have been a bust. The last one had two people register and then they did not show up. Megan will keep trying. The next craft night is Wednesday, June 30th from 6-7pm.
- We were unable to move forward with the process for the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant. We received the map from GIS that they requested but it was inadequate. Megan asks if Mike would like to meet sometime in early July to reassess and formulate a plan for the next round. We might need to outsource the maps. Also most of the issue is due to the fact that LWCF restrictions were not followed on their land parcels, and now we have to go back and correct the boundaries. This is disappointing but we just need to clean some things up and re-apply at a later date.
- Department budgets will be due mid-July. Megan is still waiting on details, but should have a budget for your review at our next meeting on July 8th.
- We have a part-time employee, Christy Howe that would like to take the lead on scheduling a blood drive at the park. She looked into the requirements, and would need to find a minimum of 20-25 people to commit. Is it okay to host a blood drive? Does the company need to provide insurance? This is through Versiti and the county hosts' one with the same company. Roger states Versiti needs to provide insurance. **Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded to move forward with scheduling a blood drive. Motion carried.**
- Megan would like to request a meeting with the Planning Committee to discuss Dunn Arena. We need a new plan of attack for the building and would like to hear any ideas.
- We would like approval for Megan, Brad, and Kevin to attend the IPRA Conference. Megan's cost would be \$315 for the conference and \$259.84 for the hotel. Brad and Kevin would each be \$315 for the conference since they will drive back and forth. The total cost is \$1,204.84. **Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded to approve Megan, Brad, and Kevin to attend the 2021 IPRA Conference. Motion carried.**



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- Megan will be requesting to be placed on an upcoming Commissioners' Agenda to get approval for IPRA and grant applications.
- The last Commissioners' Meeting went well, and they approved moving forward with the Obstacle Course. The SWD board meeting was cancelled, but their Director Kathy Haste was watching the Commissioners' Meeting and just asked if the course will be open to the public.
- Jim Kirkham graciously allowed the Johnson County Library to record his "oral history" of Hoosier Horse Park and his experience in fundraising for the Pan Am Games. It has been transcribed and officially documented. It is important that we gather this information now for future use. Roger just asked if there is an audio version.

Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- The DOC crew is back. We have a crew of 6-8 people, they try to come Monday-Wednesday but the schedule is not guaranteed.
- Horse Park shows have been going well. We have the IEA Horse Trials this weekend, which is one of the biggest shows on the year.
- The Stadium Warm up project that was approved is now complete. IEA is the first show that will use the arena this weekend. We are excited that the project is now complete. Michael List states that the arena is holding a lot of water after the rain. Mike is willing to meet to discuss if anything else needs to be done or fixed. We might also need to have the county surveyor look at it to ensure it is sloped properly. Kevin will get feedback from IEA over the weekend and reach out to Michael List next week.
- Kevin had his first monthly program on May 15th. We had our corn hole boards, giant connect 4, and giant jenga out for the campers. We had 10 people participate. The next one will be on June 12th.
- Sparks in the Park us this month on June 25th. The concert is from 7pm-10pm with the fireworks to follow. It would be great to see everyone at the event!

President's Report:

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- Dan Goins with the Indiana Live Steamers states that the Eagle Scout project turned out well.
- Hall Bossingham with the Columbus Model Railroad states their there is an issue in their room. The door to their utility closet is not closing now and they believe there is an issue with the flooring. We will take a look at the room.

Jim Kirkham moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:29p.m. Michael List seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Kirkham, Secretary