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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Johnson County Park Board of Directors**  
**Johnson County Park Department**  
Thursday, August 5th, 2021

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:05p.m. by Park Board President, Jeremy Fisk. Jim Kirkham, Michael List, and Sarah Hanson were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Megan Bowman, Superintendent; Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; Roger Young, Park Board Attorney; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers; Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers; and Dave Sadler, National Drive. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

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

**Sarah Hanson moved and Michael List seconded that the July 8th, 2021 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

Claims for August were presented for approval. **Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded to approve the August claims, as presented for \$27,128.62. Motion carried.**

**Roger Young's Legal Report:**

- Roger asks Megan if she plans to ask the Board to agree to the multi-year agreement with the special needs magazine. This would be to promote Independence Park. Roger asks if the horse park logo would be used in any way, Megan says no. Since the horse park logo is trademarked we can't let a third party use the logo without Park Board approval. Roger sees no problem entering into this agreement but would recommend we add some non-appropriation language to the agreement.

**Planning Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:**

- Megan mentions she will not be at the September meeting.
- The items for the bike playground have been purchased and will arrive in 3 months.
- The new swings in the campground have been installed.
- Megan mentions she gave Roger information from SBA on the cell tower for his review.
- Duane Burgess wanted to inform the Board that he appreciates the support for their Shrine Event, but unfortunately the Indianapolis Chapter told them they had to cancel the event.
- Megan presents the 2022 budget to the Board. The county guidelines stated 4% individual raises and 5 employees will receive the \$750 stipend. We are looking at adding a new position. This position would be a Monday-Friday manager position for the horse park. They would be responsible for scheduling, marketing, and fundraising for the horse park. The horse park is growing and we believe we need a dedicated manager for just the horse park. We also had a \$10,000 increase in our equipment lease line, an increase in our 1178 dumpster/trash line, an increase in our 1179 travel and training line, and an increase in 1179 promotional line. **Jim Kirkham moved and Sarah Hanson seconded to approve the 2022 budget proposal. Motion carried.**
- Megan would also like to thank the Columbus Model Railroad and Indiana Live Steamers for showing JCCF a great time on their field day at the park.



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

- Kevin mentions that he was contacted by a gentleman that is starting a youth travel baseball team and would like to use the ball diamond as their home base. Kevin informed him that we do not rent out the field and it is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. We do plan to remodel the field and at that point we think we should look into renting out the field. Kevin also asks if a team wants to use the field as their home base do they need to fill out a user agreement or just rent out the field each time. Roger states that the Trafalgar Little League reached out about using the park field as well and would have first priority if we moved forward with someone using the field as their home base. Roger also states that once improvements are made we should have more discussions at that time.
- Next Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> is our movie in the park with the library. We are showing Jurassic Park starting at 8:30p.m. The movie is free to attend and we will have fireworks to follow. The Car Show is Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. This year the event will be more of a festival style with food, beer, wine, bounce houses, a DJ, and a band.
- Kevin mentions that a few weeks ago at one of the horse shows someone did hit L Barn with their horse trailer. They caused over \$4,000 in damages. We did get the contact information for that person and Kevin has been working with Barb Davis to get this resolved. We have considered trespassing or fining individuals for driving in between the barns, but we don't know if that is feasible. Roger states that only the County Commissioners can adopt an ordinance to impose a fine. We have added large flower boxes to help deter people and are pricing concrete bollards as well.
- Indiana Dressage Society would like to trench a line from the announcers' booth along the main arena. This would be to add 3 posts with a speaker on each. They will just be trenching a small line to add electrical wire for those speakers. This will help them have music for their shows and be able to make announcements to the barns at the same time. Roger states that they will just need to call 811 and fill out a hold harmless waiver before starting construction. **Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded to allow Indiana Dressage Society to trench a line from the booth along the arena and add 3 posts with speakers. Motion carried.**

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Dan Goins from the Indiana Live Steamers says they have a groundhog under their building. Megan mentions that we are going to be trapping in the fall. Dan also asks if they need to have a refusal to ride clause and have a sign that states they can't be ADA compliant. Roger states that it is not required but could be a good idea.
- Dave Sadler from the National Drive discusses his concerns with the new rule that ATV's, etc. are not allowed now. He states that we should punish those responsible for breaking the rules and not the others. Megan mentions that most of the time that we come back to park damage and do not know who did it. Megan also states that we do not allow ATV's throughout the entire park not just the horse park.

**Jim Kirkham moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:41p.m. Michael List seconded. Motion carried.**

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Jim Kirkham, Secretary