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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, May 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:04 p.m. by Park Board President Jeremy Fisk. Sarah Hanson, Jim Kirkham, and Suzanne Findley were also in attendance. Board attorney, park staff and audience in attendance: Roger Young, Park Board Attorney; Megan Bowman, Superintendent; Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; Vic Boyer, Annette Pitcher, Victoria Hill; Indiana Horse Council, Joe Hudson; Indiana Live Steamers, Darla Bridges; Octoberfest Horse Show, Vickie Day; Johnson County 4-H Horse & Pony Club, Eric Sampson; Indiana Eventing Association, Jon Wells; Indiana Eventing Association Course Designer.

Roll call was taken of those in attendance.

Sarah Hanson moved and Suzanne Findley seconded that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

Jim Kirkham moved and Sarah Hanson seconded that the April 5th, 2018 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

There appears to be an error on the claims register presented. The initial claims register presented lists an expense to Rumpke for \$11,410.00. After discussion, it is determined that the error is a typo on the amount listed. **Suzanne Findley moved and Sarah Hanson seconded to approve the May claims, as amended per the discussion, of \$26,788.56. Motion carried.** (NOTE- It was determined after the meeting that the amount listed was correct, but the vendor name should have listed Tim White Excavating instead of Rumpke. Approval was handled via email response from the board, and the adjusted claim will be signed at the June meeting.)

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Roger mentions to the board that there is a cell tower update coming, but it is not yet ready to share with the board.

Planning Report:

- Nothing to report.

Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:

- The brochure to promote the fundraising for the Independence Park is complete and they are being printed this week. The fund with Johnson County Community Foundation is all set up and ready to go.
- Megan shows the board the Festival Country Indiana activities guide and mentions the multiple places that the parks are mentioned.
- Megan created the "JOCO Parks Press" printed newsletter so the campground and other visitors can be aware of monthly activities in the park.
- Megan provides an update on the State Fair Grant. She spoke with Lorrene and discussed options pertaining to the grant. She will get ahold of Megan after their grant committee has their next meeting.
- The RC Cars group has now paid in full for 2017. Megan extended the deadline for the removal of items to May 25th because of the wet weather we have been experiencing.
- Dine to Donate at Chicago's in Franklin raised \$100.00 for the Parks Department.
- Scrambled Eggs had 127 people attend and made \$130.00. That does not include labor, but as a break even event, it is a great event for the community.
- Earth Day Festival hosted around 150-175 people
- The JoCo Park Weed Wrangle went well and we had seven people removing honeysuckle outside the park office.
- The NRA is hosting their Annual High Power Rifle championships at Camp Atterbury in July. We had a request from a camper to extend stays to 18 nights for the specific event. Megan is in favor of it as long as we



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can require proof of registration and it is tied to a specific event with a start and end date. **Motion to approve by Jim Kirkham and seconded by Sarah Hanson. Motion Carries.**

- We need to update the names on the document for the campground giving trespass authority to the camp hosts. Roger asks Megan to email him the information and we can approve it at the next meeting.
- Megan brings up discussion on an idea she has for a portion of the old golf course land. Due to the persistent conflict with the use of the horse park and the amphitheater, she would like to relocate to the south end of the old course property. She shows the board a loose drawing of what she is thinking. Megan has met with a few people that are interested in looking further into the idea, and approaching the board with cost estimates and ideas. There is some discussion with the board. This is all very surface level, and there is no guarantee that it will work. The existing amphitheater could still stay and be used as event space and for rentals.
- Roger inquires whether or not the Indiana Live Steamers have given their approval on their contract. They clarified that the ILS board has verbally approved it and now we will wait for NPS approval.

Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Sparks in the Park is June 29th.
- Kevin is working on scheduling vendors and entertainment for the Heartnut Festival on September 8th. There is discussion on the quote for entertainment costs. The board decides to wait until the costs are finalized to make an approval.
- We are going to have a movie in the park at Independence Park on August 4th. We plan to show "Finding Nemo."
- There were some issues with the first horse show that used Baker Arena. They provided feedback on the footing and we made changes immediately. We are confident that the footing is now where it needs to be.

Vickie Day- Jennings County Riders 4H Camp:

- Jennings County Riders 4H Camp would like to continue to receive a discount for the use of Hoosier Horse Park for their camp. This camp serves and educates 30 children about equine care and showmanship. Their rate for use is \$1,500.00 not including bedding or camping costs. **Jim Kirkham moved and Sarah Hanson seconded to approve the discounted rate for 2018. Motion carried.**

Indiana Eventing Association- Eric Sampson:

- Eric Sampson introduces himself as the new President of the Indiana Eventing Association (IEA). IEA would like to fund a change to the entrance of the XC course, which entails the removal of an asphalt area, and relocation of an existing fence. A map is presented to the board for approval. After discussion, Roger Young states that it would be best to notify the county highway to be sure that there is no conflict with the plan. Megan agrees to contact them. **Sarah Hanson moved and Suzanne Findley seconded to approve the project with highway dept. approval. Motion carried.**

Indiana Horse Council- Annette Pitcher and Victoria Hill:

- Victoria Hill steps forward and presents an updated contract and deposit for the Octoberfest Charity Horse Show in October.

President's Report

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- None.

Suzanne Findley moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:46 p.m. Jim Kirkham seconded. Motion carried.

James A. Kirkham, Secretary