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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, August 2nd, 2018

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Park Board President, Jeremy Fisk. Tim Edsell, Suzanne Findley, Dale Donahue, and Roger Young were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Megan Bowman, Superintendent; Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; Jessie Biggerman, Johnson County Recycling District; Bob Morrison, Columbus Model Railroad Club; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

Suzanne Findley moved and Tim Edsell seconded that the agenda be adopted with change to move Jessie Biggerman up to go before Legal Report. Motion carried.

Tim Edsell moved and Dale Donahue seconded that the July 13th, 2018 minutes be approved with date change to Friday, July 13th. Motion carried.

Claims for August were presented for approval. **Suzanne Findley moved and Dale Donahue seconded to approve the August claims, as presented for \$44,110.91. Motion carried.**

Jessie Biggerman- Johnson County Recycling District

- Jessie gives a brief overview of what the Johnson County Recycling District is about and what they do. Jessie explains that China will no longer take recycled materials and the United States does not have the infrastructure to take all recycled materials. Plus the cost of recycling pick-up continues to go up, the district must close all un-manned recycling sites. Since the district must close all un-manned sites they will move to having manned sites only. Jessie met with Megan to convert part of the existing maintenance compound as a manned site for the recycling district. Jessie presented the layout of the potential site and how the site would be run. Jessie will put together a written proposal regarding the potential site that will be presented to the Johnson County Commissioners, Johnson County Soil and Water District and the National Park Service. **Tim Edsell moved and Dale Donahue seconded to move forward with the project pending approvals from the Johnson County Commissioners, Johnson County Soil and Water District and National Park Service. Motion carried.**

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Roger Young presents the final offer from SBA regarding the new lease for the cell tower. Roger informs the Board that this is a great deal for the Park. Suzanne Findley mentions that a cell tower in Morristown has been designed to look like a pine tree. The Board would like Roger to present SBA with an offer to redesign the tower to look like a tree.

Planning Report:

- Nothing to report.

Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:

- Megan met with Glu-Lam to get estimates on a new amphitheater and new shelters in the Park. The owner of Glu-Lam knows architects that can get in touch with Megan to look at the foundation of Dunn Arena.
- The Movie in the Park: Operation Dunkirk and the video shoot for the tourism board that were scheduled for July 21st were both canceled due to weather. The tourism video shoot is rescheduled for September 8th during the heartnut Festival.
- The Bubble Party at Independence Park on July 24th was a success. We estimate that we had about 200 people participate.



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- We will be showing “Finding Nemo” on August 4th at Independence Park, we hope to raise money for the new playground.
- Megan set up a booth during the Johnson County Fair. Jim helped and covered a shift as well.
- Budget for 2019 has been submitted. Meetings will take place after Labor Day.
- An article was published by the United States Eventing Association about Hoosier Horse Park and the Cross Country Course.
- Our DOC Crew Leader was injured off-site and may not be back until the end of September. We could train our employees to be a crew leader but there would be many issues with training our employees. Roger will look into the legal aspects of any option for the DOC Crew Leader, and hope our leader will return at the end of September. No decision needs to be made now and if our leader cannot return then we will need to decide on how to move forward.
- We need to schedule a meeting with the Horse Park Committee to start working on the new design for the Horse Park Statue.
- The rings for the Dressage Arenas are starting to fall apart and need to be replaced. Megan presents that (2) rings cost \$7,941.50. **Tim Edsell moved and Suzanne Findley seconded to purchase (2) rings for the dressage arenas. Motion carried.**

Kevin Leonard’s Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Movie in the Park: Finding Nemo at Independence Park beginning at 9pm on August 4th. Hoping to raise funds for the playground.
- Car Show will be on August 18th. All cars, trucks, motorcycles, and golf carts are welcome. Golf carts are a new addition to the car show this year.
- Heartnut Festival will be on September 8th. Johnson County Commissioners approved Big Bounce Contract, pending legal. The Commissioners want to make sure the insurance for Big Bounce matches the contract and that a waiver is signed by all participants.
- The National Drive made a \$1,000 donation to the Horse Park.
- On August 25th we will have volunteers from Franklin College here to landscape around the campground, clear some trails, and clear the jump hill on the Cross Country Course.

President’s Report

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- Dan Goins asks if a waiver needs to be signed each time or if they only sign it once. If they do sign only once and how do you make sure they have signed. Indiana Live Steamers will stamp your hand after they sign the waiver. The guy that runs the rail head for Atterbury would like to bring around 15-20 people to ride the trains and invited the Live Steamers to come and look at what they do at the rail head.
- Bob Morrison announces that the advertisement for the Car Show will begin soon and run until the Car Show. After the Car Show is over the advertisement will switch to promote the Heartnut Festival.

Suzanne Findley moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:12 p.m. Tim Edsell seconded. Motion carried.

James A. Kirkham, Secretary