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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, September 6th, 2018

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

Suzanne Findley moved and Jim Kirkham seconded that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Tim Edsell moved and Suzanne Findley seconded that the August 2nd, 2018 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for September were presented for approval. **Jim Kirkham moved and Suzanne Findley seconded to approve the September claims, as presented for \$42,008.80. Motion carried.**

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Roger Young provides an update from the Commissioners Meeting on August 27, 2018. The Commissioners approved the amendment to the SBA Lease for the Cell Tower, as well as, the proposal from the Johnson County Recycling District. The SBA Lease and the Recycling District proposal both still need approval from Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District. Once we obtain approval from SWCD the cell tower lease can be signed and the recycling district proposal can be sent to the National Park Service for approval.

Planning Report:

- Nothing to report.

Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:

- Met with Dan from Mayer-Najem to discuss different options to possibly get park project completed. We will hold a second meeting with Dan and will also have Jeff Mader involved.
- Budget hearings went very well. We received good feedback from the County Council about what we have been doing at the Park. We gave back \$15,000 from our Part-Time line since we are comfortable with giving back \$15,000 and will still have a good buffer in that line item if we add more part-time jobs. The line is \$75,000 now instead of \$90,000. No other cuts were made and we added \$5,000 in the equipment maintenance line and \$1,500 in landfill/trash. Both non-reverting were approved as presented. Second budget hearing is on September 20th.
- Looking at report of collections for the year we are up \$26,675 if you take out the golf course.
- Have a quote Professional Golf Car with trading in some of our current golf carts for new work carts. Trade-in value is \$1,200 for each golf cart. We plan to trade in 10 golf carts on credit for new carts. We can get 1, 4 seater work cart and 2, 800 work carts. If we go with that plan we will be under our credit value and would get cash back. Megan will have Professional Golf Car work up a quote that includes the trade-in and the 3 new work carts.
- Megan presents a back-hoe quote from Westside Tractor Sales. Megan would like to get more information from them before we proceed. We can afford getting a back-hoe and will help out tremendously. Suzanne mentions a new company in Franklin that carries heavy equipment that we may want to check with also. Jim recommends Kubota equipment.
- Megan presents the RC Flyers Rules to the Board. **Tim Edsell moved and Jim Kirkham seconded to approve the RC Flyers Rules. Motion Carried.**



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- Megan mentions that we need to pay to renew the patent for the Hoosier Horse Park logo. It is due in November. Roger will check into it as well.
- Megan submitted a letter of intent to apply for a grant with People For Bikes, our letter of intent unfortunately did not get accepted. We did get accepted to apply with the Johnson County Community Foundation grant for the Bike Playground and did apply.
- New water heater installed in Dunn.
- Commissioners meeting on August 27th went well and will be going to the SWCD meeting on September 13th.
- Megan mentions that Daily Journal printed an article about the potential recycling site but Megan was not interviewed. Daily Journal also printed an article on the Heartnut Festival that was inaccurate, so we contacted Daily Journal with the correct information.
- Megan asks the Board for approval to close the office on November 14th for staff training. **Suzanne Findley moved and Jim Kirkham seconded to close the office on November 14th for staff training. Motion Carried.**
- Commissioners will be appointing our new Board Member at the meeting on September 10th.

Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Car Show went very well. 2017 we had 55 total participants; we had 52 participants this year. Which is great considering it was calling for rain.
- Heartnut Festival is on September 8th. Megan and I will continue to check the weather and make a decision regarding the event. If we have to cancel or reschedule we would like to make that decision on Friday the 7th so we do not lose out on too much money and we can let everyone involved know in time. October 14th is the only potential reschedule date, but we are unsure if all of the vendors, bounce houses, etc. would be able to attend. The Board is comfortable with our staff making the proper decision regarding canceling the event or rescheduling.
- We are looking at expanding the back dressage arena and add footing to all of the dressage arenas. If we expand the back dressage then the shows can get bigger. Brad got a quote from Polysols for the GGT Footing. Polysols agreed to lower the price of the footing if we listed them as a sponsor. Between our staff and Job Corps we can get the landwork completed. So the footing, sand, and gravel will need to be purchased. We are looking at the total cost being around \$24,000 or \$25,000. We also reached out the Indiana Dressage Society, Harmony in the Park, and Indiana Eventing Association about helping fund this project. IDS is willing to donate \$8,000 and Harmony in the Park is willing to donate \$5,000 to the project. IEA has submitted a letter of intent with us to help fund the project as well. We would also like to get new footing in Stadium Warm-up as well. IEA's top priority is to fix the footing in Stadium Warm-up. We want to focus on the dressage project first, and then hopefully get to Stadium Warm-up. If the Dressage and Stadium Warm-up projects get completed it will make the current shows bigger and help draw in new shows. We need more information regarding Stadium Warm-up but we would like to complete both projects this Fall/Winter. **Suzanne Findley moved and Tim Edsell seconded that we continue to work with the horse groups and continue to move forward with the projects. Motion Carried.**

President's Report

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- Bob Morrison states that the Columbus Model Railroad Club will be open on September 8th even if we cancel the Heartnut Festival.
- Dan Goins mentions that the Indiana Live Steamers had 11 people from out of state come to their "Dog Days" event in August. Megan asks Dan if he had heard of the new exhibit at Johnson County Museum that includes trains.
- Jim Kirkham mentions that the new pavement on some of the roads looks very nice. Megan mentions that the highway did a good job paving a couple of the roads.



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- Jim begins a discussion about the “Scary” Building. Jim thinks that we can get money out of it instead of spending money to tear it down. Roger explains that in order to sell the building we would have a few options. First, would be to hire an auctioneer and auction the building. Second, would be to do an internet auction. Third, would be to sell it by seal bids. Lastly, would be for the Park to do a public sell. Tim Edsell mentions that he has sold school buses off of EBay. EBay does meet the state standards if we chose an internet auction. Roger states that we need a Performance Bond so whoever buys the building takes what we inform them needs to be taken. We will also need to have defined hours of when the building can be worked on during the day and a deadline for the removal of the building. Megan will put together the conditions for the removal of the building first and then reach out to auctioneers.

Suzanne Findley moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:11p.m. Jim Kirkham seconded. Motion carried.

James A. Kirkham, Secretary