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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Wednesday, February 13th, 2019

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 5:59p.m. by Park Board Vice President, Sarah Hanson. Michael List, Tim Edsell, Dale Donahue and Roger Young were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Megan Bowman, Superintendent; Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; Dwayne Hansford, JC Antique Machinery Association; and Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded that the January 10th, 2019 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for February were presented for approval. **Dale Donahue moved and Tim Edsell seconded to approve the February claims, as presented for \$62,166.62. Motion carried.**

Roger Young's Legal Report:

- Roger mentions that he has been talking with Lisa Nye from the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association regarding House Bill 1018. The bill currently is on the floor for 2nd reading in the House of Representatives. If the bill passes then it could cause a change in how the Park Board is composed.
- Roger also mentions that if the Board approves to use Big Bounce Fun House again in 2019 for Park Events, then we need to request Big Bounce changes certain language in the contracts. Those language changes are the same as the contracts in 2018.

Planning Report:

- Megan mentions that the ad for RFP's has been published twice in the newspaper. Companies have until February 15th to submit their proposal.

Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:

- Megan mentions that we have been busy with a lot of projects. The office remodel is complete.
- We purchased the maintenance software and have been sitting through trainings on how to use the software.
- We moved the gas tank and the golf cart corral to the horse park from the golf course. We need to have the tanks hooked up professionally. We have a quote for \$2,934.00 from Davis Electric to hook up the gas tanks. **Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded to use Davis Electric to hook up gas tanks. Motion carried.**
- Megan mentions our bill with AT&T for the office phones has been increasingly getting more expensive. Megan has been looking around for other options. We have been recommended to use a company called 8X8. The bill with 8X8 would be significantly cheaper.
- Megan ordered new hand held radios for the staff. Megan is talking with Internet Communications and another company about possibility having wi-fi in certain areas of the park.
- Megan presents the 2018 Annual Report to the Board. One awesome statistic is that we had people from 32 different states visit the campground in 2018.
- Megan has been working on new brochures. Those include the McClain Cabin brochure, Johnson County Parks and Recreation brochure, and the sponsorship brochure.
- Megan will be attending a Women in Leadership training on February 15th.
- The Master Naturalist program with Soil and Water District will be starting soon. We would like to offer two staff members to attend the program and have the Park cover the cost. The Board discussed and agreed to allow the Park to pay for two staff members to attend the Master Naturalist program.



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- Megan and Dwayne Hansford discuss adding electricity for lights and power outlets to their Antique Machinery Building. The building was built 6 or 7 years ago but they would like to add electric. This would be at no cost to the park.
- Megan worked with the auditor to figure out how much we are actually earning in revenue each year. We looked at each year from 2012 to 2018. We would like to look at what our consistent revenue is since we have started the RFP process.

Kevin Leonard's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Kevin and Megan met with Amber from Playworld recently to talk about the Independence Park Playground project. Some of the stand-alone pieces we selected are no longer available, so Amber is going to take those out and replace them with new pieces. Once she has done that she will send us the updated design and pricing. We did apply for the Directors Fund Grant from JCCF for \$5,000 and did receive that grant. So we have currently raised \$6,175. Megan and I had a webinar for the Quality of Life Grant with the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. We can ask up to \$25,000 for that grant. We will need Board approval and Commissioner approval to apply for the grant. **Tim Edsell moved and Michael List seconded to apply for the grant. Motion carried.**
- Kent Kirchmeyer has come to take the horse statue to be worked on. He will repair the cracks in the fiberglass and then repaint the horse. He plans to repaint the horse the same color it is currently. He estimates that the cost for everything will not be higher than \$1,500. Kent is also planning to donate half of the labor to the Park.
- We are planning on using Big Bounce Fun House again for 2019 Park Events. We would like to have them at two bubble parties, Heartnut Community Festival, Camp-O-Ween, and Haunted Trails. We still need to get some of the language in the contracts changed and receive all of their insurance forms. We will also need Commissioner approval to use Big Bounce Fun House as well. **Dale Donahue moved and Tim Edsell seconded to use Big Bounce Fun House for 2019 Park Events pending contract language changes.**

Vice President's Report

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- Dan Goins from the Indiana Live Steamers asks about an old bridge that Job Corps is fixing. Dan also asks if the Live Steamers would be allowed to have a couple tent campers during their weekend event in August. The Board will allow them to have a couple tent campers for that event only.
- Dwayne Hansford from the JC Antique Machinery Association asks if they would be allowed to fly a drone to take footage during their event. The county says we are not allowed to fly drones in the Park.

Michael List moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:49p.m. Dale Donahue seconded. Motion carried.

James A. Kirkham, Secretary