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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Johnson County Park Board of Directors**  
**Johnson County Park Department**  
Thursday, April 4th, 2019

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00p.m. by Park Board President, Jeremy Fisk. Michael List, Jim Kirkham, Dale Donahue, Suzanne Findley and Roger Young were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Megan Bowman, Superintendent; Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers; Caitlin Austin, Heartland Region Pony Club; Rachel Skirvin, Heartland Region Pony Club; Stephanie Martin, Johnson County Park Camp Host; Chris Martin, Johnson County Park Camp Host. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

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

**Suzanne Findley moved and Dale Donahue seconded that the March 7th, 2019 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

Claims for April were presented for approval. **Suzanne Findley moved and Michael List seconded to approve the April claims, as presented for \$40,152.84. Motion carried.**

**Roger Young's Legal Report:**

- Roger presents Park Resolution 2019-2, which allows Megan Bowman, Kevin Leonard, Dale Donahue, Chris Martin, and Stephanie Martin the authority to trespass Park Patrons. **Jim Kirkham moved and Michael List seconded Resolution 2019-2. Motion carried.**

**Planning Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Megan Bowman's Superintendent Report:**

- Megan, Kevin, and Brad had a kickoff meeting with GM Development. We discussed Dunn Arena and potential campground expansion with them. A person from GM Development came to take 3D pictures of Dunn Arena.
- Megan asks the Board if they would like to apply for the State Fair Grant, to fund the design for the horse track. There is discussion about the State Fair Grant and the cost for the track design. Megan would like to research the track more and get more details before applying for the grant. **Jim Kirkham makes a motion to proceed with the track design, as long as it does not cost the Park more than \$10,000. Motion does not carry due to lack of second.**
- Megan presents a quote from C & S Heating and Cooling to replace the HVAC in the Maples Building. The cost to replace the HVAC in Maples is \$5,225.00 **Suzanne Findley moved and Dale Donahue seconded to accept the quote from C & S Heating and Cooling. Motion carried.**
- Megan presents a quote from Rod's Quality Concrete to put in a new basketball court. We were hoping to have Job Corps put in the court but the project keeps getting delayed, so we are looking to contract that project out. The Board has some discussion regarding the court and how much concrete is needed. The Board would like Megan to research this project more to gather more information about the project to ensure it is done correctly.
- Megan informs the Board we have had 3 maintenance staff members leave within the month. We have filled 2 positions with part-time staff members moving into a full-time role.
- Megan talked with the County and they are comfortable with a staff discount as long as it does not exceed a 20% discount. If Jeremiah needs to camp on the grounds with a 20% discount which would be \$20 per night. **Jim Kirkham moved and Suzanne Findley seconded to allow Jeremiah to camp with the 20% discount. Motion carried.**



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- The Park does have interviews for jobs coming up. We will be looking to fill the last full-time maintenance position and other part-time maintenance positions. We have hired a part-time office person for weekends.
- The Park was able to get a bigger advertisement in the festival guide with Festival Country Indiana.
- Megan mentions some projects that are we currently working on, which includes; Maples is almost complete, cutting down trees and planting trees, and cleaning up the RC Car area.

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

- Our first event of the year is the Scrambled Eggs (Adult Easter Egg Hunt). The event will be on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. People can register now for the event and we will take a maximum of 130 people. The fee is \$5 for the event.
- Kevin and Megan have been working on numerous grants for Independence Park. Kevin completed the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation Grant and Megan is working on the NRPA/Disney Grant. The Reeve Foundation Grant is for \$25,000 and the NRPA/Disney Grant is for \$30,000.
- We had our first horse park event of the season last week. It was a small IEA clinic, they used Baker Arena and gave us great feedback on the new footing. We have a new survey that we are sending to each show host at the conclusion of their show, so we can get more feedback on what is working and what can be changed. We will be putting up the horse statue soon. Brad has been working with Job Corps to schedule the remaining work on the dressage arena. Our goal is to get it completed by mid-May.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Dan Goins mentions that they will move the steel and some of the dirt from the RC track to their area, and re-purpose those items. They will also put in a culvert in the ditch where the covered bridge used to be.
- Rachel Skirvin from Heartland Region Pony Club makes a presentation about their summer camp they conduct at the horse park every summer. The club asks for a discounted rate to rent the horse park for their camp. The Park Staff and Park Board are comfortable charging Heartland Region \$2,000 for the camp, not including any bedding or camping. **Jim Kirkham moved and Dale Donahue seconded to approve the discounted rate of \$2,000 plus any bedding and camping for the Heartland Region Camp. Motion carried.**

**Jim Kirkham moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:00p.m. Dale Donahue seconded. Motion carried.**

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James A. Kirkham, Secretary