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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
**Johnson County Park Board of Directors**  
**Johnson County Park Department**  
Thursday, July 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00p.m. by Park Board President, Gary Cooper. Dannette Morgan, Penny Lee, Dan Cartwright, Shalee Bradley, Jeri Thompson and Mike Weaver were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Kevin Leonard, Superintendent; Brad Wiser, Assistant Superintendent; Christy Howe, Recreation Director; Dwayne Hansford, Antique Machinery; and Hal Bossingham, Columbus Model Railroad.

**Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

**Dan Cartwright moved and Jeri Thompson seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**Jeri Thompson moved and Dannette Morgan seconded that the June 5, 2025 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

Claims for July were presented for approval. **Jeri Thompson moved and Dannette Morgan seconded to approve the July claims, as presented for \$67,993.48. Motion carried.**

**Legal Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**Christy Howe's Recreation Director Report:**

- July went well. Antique Machinery hosted their event and had a great turnout. Midwest Festival hosted their Renaissance Faire at the Park. The Renaissance Fair brought in 7,500 people on their first day and 3,500 on their second day. There was a lot of good comments about the event and they plan to come back next year. The Park had the annual Sparks in the Park event. The event had a great turnout and the fireworks went well. Indiana Live Steamers ran train rides during the event.
- The Park will have a booth at the Johnson County Fair this coming Sunday through Thursday.
- Jamie Olson will be hosting an Ice Cream Special at Independence Park on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- RecFest will be on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a free admission event with lots of family friendly things to do including zip-line, rock climbing, and a human hungry-hungry hippo.

**Brad Wiser's Assistant Superintendent Report:**

- Farrier Fest will take place on July 11-12 at the shelter area. This is the second year for the event and they will have educational sessions and demonstrations throughout the weekend.
- Brad met with Michael Cherry this month to discuss the RC Track. Michael and some volunteers are planning to help with maintaining the track. Park staff will be adding new edging to the track.
- Gutters for J and K barn are schedule to start within the next few weeks. This is the last thing left to do for the new barns that were built this spring.
- June had 6 events at the Horse Park that all went well. The Indianapolis Charity Show that took place all last week went very well despite the heat. The main thing recommended by contestants was to have large fans installed in Baker Arena.
- July has 7 events schedule at the Horse Park.
- Princess Lakes Council approved their Superintendent to work with the Park on lowering sewer cost. We will be meeting with them hopefully in the coming month to come up with a plan on how to achieve this.



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

- Tails and Trails Animal Rescue are having a benefit ride on July 26<sup>th</sup>. One stop will be at the Park. Kevin asked the Board to waive the shelter fee for the group. **Dan Cartwright moved and Jeri Thompson seconded waiving the shelter fee for Tails and Trails Animal Rescue. Motion Carried.**
- The Park has been having issues with Cintas since entering the agreement earlier this year. We have had multiple meetings with them to discuss pricing issues, installation issues and invoice issues. Cintas seems willing to work with the Park on the issues. We are hopeful everything will be resolved but wanted the Board to be aware in case we decide to terminate the agreement.
- Kevin presented new software to the board from Rec Technologies that will enable the Park to start offering online camping reservations. Kevin stated the software seemed user friendly but still plans to get multiple proposals from different companies. The board discussed the software.
- Kevin and Brad met with Wes Harrison after the June meeting to discuss the gazebo project at Independence Park. Wes had Crossroads Engineers put together a proposal for civil engineering services. The Board looked over the proposal and did not move forward. The Board discussed different options and sponsorship opportunities for the project. Dan Cartwright said he would look into different options for putting the specifications for the project together.
- Dwayne Hansford met with Kevin and Brad to discuss a potential shelter project in the Park. This would be to build a new shelter in the shelter area. This would be a partnership with Antique Machinery to get this accomplished. The group would use this shelter during their events instead of using tents. This would be another shelter available to rent by the public. Kevin asked for the Board's approval to move forward with design and cost on the shelter. **Jeri Thompson moved and Mike Weaver seconded approving the Park to pursue cost and design options. Motion carried.**
- Kevin presented the guidelines for the 2026 budget and informed the Board that he is working on putting together the budget for next year. Once completed, Kevin will send to the Board for review.

#### **Presidents Report**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Jeri Thompson complimented the fireworks at Sparks in the Park.
- Hal Bossingham asked about the possibility of putting a sign on the corner of Schoolhouse Road and State Road 252 next to the Parks sign. Kevin Leonard stated that user groups need to place signs on the property of the Park used by the individual user group.
- Dan Cartwright informed the Board that the Rotary Club will no longer be able to donate benches for the new pickleball courts.

**Shalee Bradley moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.**

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Penny Lee, Secretary