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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, May 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:01p.m by Park Board President, Michael List. Dannette Morgan, Shalee Bradley, Mike Weaver and Gary Cooper were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Kevin Leonard, Superintendent; Brad Wisner, Assistant Superintendent; Christy Howe, Recreation Director; John Young, Park Board Attorney; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers and Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

Dannette Morgan moved and Shalee Bradley seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Penny Lee arrived at 6:02p.m.

Dannette Morgan moved and Shalee Bradley seconded that the April 4, 2024 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for May were presented for approval. **Gary Cooper moved and Mike Weaver seconded to approve the May claims, as presented for \$48,705.98. Motion carried.**

Legal Report:

- John Young informed the Board that he reviewed form Resolution 2024-01 to replace 2023-01. The new form updates who has authority to trespass an individual from the Park.
- John clarified to the Board that the last claim he turned in this month was high because it was for 3 months.

Christy Howe's Recreation Director Report:

- The solar eclipse weekend went well. The crowd was not as big as anticipated but those who attended enjoyed the event.
- The Vintage Camper Rally is the coming weekend. There will be several vendors at the event and also a classic car cruise in.
- Christy handed out flyers to the Board for the Pours in the Park event and the Golf Cart 500 that will take place before the next Board meeting. The Golf Cart 500 will take place on May 18th as a campground event. Pours in the Park will take place on June 1st. There is 13 confirmed vendors for the event so far and we will also have food trucks and axe throwing.
- Dog Tags of Johnson County will be hosting an event at the Park on May 25th. They will host a free concert in celebration of Johnson County Veterans.

Brad Wisner's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Duke Energy completed the installation of the transformer for the new campsites at the Horse Park. Both campsite projects are now complete and are in use.
- New audio equipment for Arena 5 was ordered this past week and should arrive soon. The equipment is for announcements and music in the arena. This will give the Park options on hosting more shows and give current shows a better experience.
- There were 5 shows in April. All the shows gave good reviews. May has 8 horse shows. May 10-12 is the Barrels for Badges show. The show has already sold out all 384 horse stalls, all campsites, and is putting 50 temporary stalls inside of Dunn.
- Kevin and Brad will be attending the Department of Corrections Community Advisory Board Meeting on May 16th.



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Kevin Leonard's Superintendent Report:

- The Park will be on the May County Council agenda to appropriate funds out of the Phelps Charitable Fund for the Blacksmith group. The funds will be used to purchase tools and to enclose the porch of the building.
- Kevin asked the Board to approve him applying for a grant from Festival Country for \$150,000 to help with the construction of pickleball courts at Independence Park. **Gary Cooper moved and Mike List seconded the approval for Kevin to apply for the Festival Country Grant. Motion carried.**
- Kevin asked for the Boards approval for him and up to two other staff members to attend the IPRA Conference in French Lick. The conference is November 5-7 and the Park would need two rooms. Kevin estimated the cost to be around \$1,500 based on previous years. **Dannette Morgan moved and Shalee Bradley seconded approving the attendance of the IPRA Conference. Motion carried.**
- Clear Creek Fisheries stocked 30 Grass Carp in Lake Cottonwood on April 17th and Aquatic Control has started their treatment plan for the lake.
- There was a complaint at the campground this past month because of the policy on conversion vans. Kevin recommended having a committee to go over Park policies. The committee can meet several times throughout the year and Kevin can present any recommended changes to the Board towards the end of the year. Kevin recommended for Michael List, Mike Weaver and Gary Cooper to be on the committee with him and Brad. **Dannette Morgan moved and Gary Cooper seconded to allow Kevin to appoint a committee to help with any policies that need changed or new policies that need to be added. Motion carried.**
- The plans and documents for the new office/camp store will be available this week. There will be a pre-bid meeting on May 14th with interested contractors.
- Kevin informed the Board that after talking with John he believes the Park should do the playground expansion at the campground this year and the playground at the Heartnut Shelter area in 2025. The Park has \$75,000 budgeted that can be used this year. With rates high, Kevin suggest not doing payments and to pay for the expansion in full. **Mike Weaver moved and Penny Lee seconded the approval to move forward with the playground expansion at the campground for up to \$75,000. Motion carried.**

President's Report:

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- Peggy Racke asked the Board if the porta potty would be placed in the cabin parking lot again. Kevin informed her that it would be placed there soon. Peggy informed the Board that for the eclipse weekend they had about half the riders as a normal weekend.

Mike Weaver moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Gary Cooper seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Cooper, Interim Secretary