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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, November 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:02p.m by Park Board President, Michael List. Penny Lee, Mike Weaver, Shalee Bradley, Jeri Thompson, 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; Hal Bossingham, Columbus Model Railroad; Kevin Thompson, Soil and Water Board President; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers; and Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

Mike Weaver moved and Gary Cooper seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Gary Cooper moved and Mike Weaver seconded that the September 5, 2024 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for November were presented for approval. **Jeri Thompson moved and Mike Weaver seconded to approve the November claims, as presented for \$41,708.48. Motion carried.**

Legal Report:

- John informed the Board that a separate contract was not necessary for the purchase of the new playground equipment.
- John stated he did not anticipate any problems with the Cintas contract that Kevin would be discussing since the County Maintenance has already approved it.

Christy Howe's Recreation Director Report:

- Christy thanked the Board for allowing her to attend IPRA and hope to apply the knowledge she gained to the Park.
- October had two events. The Annual Camp-O-Ween event went well with a great turnout. Carni-Fall at Independence Park also had a great turnout.

Brad Wisner's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- October had two events. IDS put on a camp that was new to the Horse Park. The camp had good comments and they plan to come back next year. The National Drive took place in October and went well. The event was the second largest event of the year and had 1,056 nights of stall rentals.
- November has the last two events of the year. A roping show will take place the second weekend of November followed by a barrel race on the third weekend.
- Brad informed the Board that he will have a summary of the horse shows for the Board members in December.
- The 2025 schedule is going well with 49 events on the calendar. So far 20 contracts have already been submitted. There are still two open weekends in the summer that should be filled.
- Brad asked the board for approval to have 500ft of the Horse Park perimeter fence replaced. A Security Fencing gave a quote for \$9,500. This is the same company that installed new chain link around the workshop. The company did great work and was easy to work with. **Gary Cooper moved and Mike List seconded the approval to have A Security Fence replace the fence. Motion carried.**



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- Brad and Kevin received two quotes to have the concrete in the workshop crushed and rebar removed. Denny Excavating gave a quote for \$30,000 and Casey Bertram gave a quote for \$33,750. Two other companies were also contacted but failed to give a quote. Kevin and Brad confirmed with the Board that the Park had adequate funds in the budget for the project. **Jeri Thompson moved and Gary Cooper seconded for Denny Excavating to move forward with the project. Motion carried.**
- The County Highway Department will be paving North St., part of Kern St., and part of Harrison St. They expect to start this month. The completion date is weather dependent.

Kevin Leonard's Superintendent Report:

- The maintenance staff has been working on winter projects. The current project they are working on is metaling the old garage building in the shop area.
- The playground equipment from MidStates Recreation has been ordered and expected to be installed mid-December. They expect it to take 2-3 days to install.
- JC Fiber proposed their construction plans for fiber throughout the Park to the Commissioners. Their construction plan was approved. JC Fiber will have another meeting with the Park on November 13th to discuss the next steps.
- Kevin and Christy attended the IPRA Conference this week. Kevin was on the planning committee for the conference and was able to network with a lot of other Park Superintendents.
- Kevin and Brad met with Cintas recently to discuss them servicing the Park. Kevin explained the details of what Cintas could offer. Kevin and Brad both recommended moving forward with Cintas. After discussion amongst the Board, **Jeri Thompson moved and Shalee Bradley seconded the approval of the Cintas contract pending legal. Motion carried.**
- Kevin informed the Board that the new office construction was going well. Duke Construction is on schedule other than a hold up on installing windows and exterior doors.
- Kevin presented the Board with dates for Board meeting in 2025 with two different options for May. **Gary Cooper moved and Mike Weaver seconded the approval of the schedule as presented and chose May 8th. Motion carried.**
- Kevin discussed policy changes with the Board. Kevin, Brad, Gary Cooper, Mike Weaver, and Michael List met this month to discuss some possible changes. Kevin stated he wanted to present the Board with policies that were discussed so they could think about the options and then make a decision at the December Board meeting. There was a lot of discussion on the policy changes amongst the Board.

Presidents Report

- Mike thanked Dan Goins and the Indiana Live Steamers for the train ride they did for the Board and their families.

From the Floor and More:

- Peggy Racke asked if the Park would still be supplying toiletries after switching to Cintas. Kevin confirmed the Park would still be taking care of supplies for user groups.
- Dan Goins asked if the Park would be able to empty trash at the Shelter near the Live Steamers Building. Kevin confirmed the Park would be taking care of the trash.

Shalee Bradley moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Gary Cooper seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Cooper, Interim Secretary