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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, June 5, 2026

- A.** The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 2:00 p.m. by Park Board President, Dan Cartwright. Gary Cooper, Penny Lee, Scott Jamieson, and Jeri Thompson were also in attendance. Park staff in attendance: Kevin Leonard, Superintendent; Brad Wiser, Assistant Superintendent; Christy Howe, Recreation Director; and John Young, Park Attorney.
- B. Roll call:** Kevin Leonard took roll call of those in attendance.
- C. Minutes:** Scott Jamieson moved and Gary Cooper seconded that May 7, 2026 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.
- D. Other Business: From Floor**
- Peggy Racke updated informed the Board that the new ILS building and shelter are near completion and moving along well. She also said she would be sending an invite out to the staff, Board, and elected officials inviting them to tour the trains.
- E. Financial Report: Kevin Leonard, Scott Jamieson, and Dan Cartwright**
- Kevin presented the June claims. **Jeri Thompson moved and Gary Cooper seconded the approval of the June claims for \$74,466.93. Motion carried.**
 - Kevin went over the Report of Collections with the Board. Scott Jamieson stated that the Park has so far spent \$517,000 on additional projects this year.
- F. Campground Report: Brad Wiser and Jeri Thompson**
- Brad informed the Board the plan is to put signage up for the golf cart trail after this coming weekend since the trails are reserved for a Horse Park event.
 - Kevin informed the Board that he is meeting with local vendors to add additional items to the camp store inventory. A local vendor from Greenwood will be sending samples soon.
- G. Hoosier Horse Park: Brad Wiser and Gary Cooper**
- The new meters at the Horse Park are showing cost savings since we had them installed. Last month they saved \$584 when compared to the same month last year.
 - May had 10 events. The invoice total for the month came in over the projected amount and was the highest monthly invoice amount since we began tracking. There were a lot of good comments from people who attended the IEA event.
 - June has 5 events scheduled. The projection for this month should be accurate. The biggest variable is the Indianapolis Charity Show. In the past, we have sold around 2,000 bags of bedding during this show.
 - Kevin and Brad are working to fill the empty full-time maintenance position.
 - Brad asked for the Board to approve the refund of a deposit for Hendricks County Horsemen's Club. **Scott Jamieson moved and Jeri Thompson seconded the approval of the deposit refund in the amount of \$200. Motion carried.**
- H. Independence Park: Kevin Leonard, Brad Wiser and Penny Lee**
- Brad informed the Board he has spoken to Wes Harrison about the damaged pickleball court at Independence Park. Wes is working with the contractor on a solution to the court cracking.
 - Dan informed the Board that the signs for the Gazebo will be installed soon.



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I. Programs: Christy Howe and Jeri Thompson

- There is 7 events scheduled for June.
- Pours in the Park is this coming weekend.
- So far, we have received \$1,474 in sponsorships and vendor fees.
- Christy asked the Board for approval to hire a new band for July 18th for the Summer Concert Series. **Scott Jamieson moved and Gary Cooper seconded to approve the band and not to exceed \$1,100. Motion carried.**
- Christy asked the Board to approve hiring Angela Wallace to run her photobooth at the Military Appreciation event and Deck the Stalls. **Scott Jamieson moved and Gary Cooper seconded to approve the photobooth. Motion carried.**
- The Board discussed signs and donations.
- Christy thanked the Board members for attending the Independence Park event.
- The Board discussed volunteers. Christy asked Penny if she could volunteer at the Independence Movie event. Penny stated she would look at her schedule and let her know.
- Penny recommended the Park look into an event for being open 50 years. The Board discussed putting a planning committee together. John Young said he would investigate the statute on Park committees.

J. Capital Improvements: Kevin Leonard, Brad Wiser, and Dan Cartwright

- Kevin stated the kayak rental station should be installed soon and he will keep the Board informed once he has an installation date.

K. Superintendent Report: Kevin Leonard

- Kevin provided the Park Board with a copy of the 5 Year Master Plan and asked for a motion to approve the final copy. Dan stated that Kevin did a good job on the plan and it saved the Park a lot of money. Penny Lee asked why conservation and stewardship were not mentioned on the plan. There was discussion on the topic. **Scott Jamieson moved and Gary Cooper seconded to approve the 5 Year Master Plan as presented. Motion carried.**
- Kevin informed the Board that the Marketing Committee had met with three different marketing agencies and all members agreed to move forward with Elevation Marketing Solutions. The Board discussed. **Scott Jamieson moved and Jeri Thompson seconded to approve the contract Elevation Marketing Solutions and for Kevin Leonard to have authority to execute the contract. Motion carried.**
- The training with the Utility Regulatory Commission is scheduled for June 19th. John Young explained to the Board possible fees due to the gas line that was hit. The Board discussed.
- Kevin informed the Board that he and Brad have started interviews for the full-time maintenance position.
- Budget guidelines have not been sent out yet. Kevin will keep the Board informed once he receives them.

L. Legal Report: John Young

- Nothing to report.



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M. President's Report: Dan Cartwright

- Dan shared information from Crossroads Engineers on the cabins project. Dan stated it would be expensive and him, Kevin, and Brad will be meeting with them next week to discuss phasing the project. The Board discussed different options.
- Dan stated he would keep the Board posted on the Amphitheater project and there is nothing new to report.
- Dan shared the site plan for the new Banquet Hall and informed the Board that the Park will have to endure cost for the project. There was discussion amongst the Board on the project.
- Dan stated the new sports complex project should start after the Antique Machinery Show.
- Dan stated the Park staff has been working hard, and the marketing firm will help out dramatically.
- John Young mentioned that Nineveh is looking into a new Park. The Board discussed the possibilities of this.

Gary Cooper moved the meeting to be adjourned at 3:12 p.m. Motion carried.

_____ Penny Lee, Secretary