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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
**Johnson County Park Board of Directors**  
**Johnson County Park Department**  
Thursday, September 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00p.m by Park Board President, Michael List. Penny Lee, Mike Weaver, Jeri Thompson, Shalee Bradley, and Gary Cooper were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Kevin Leonard, Superintendent; Brad Wiser, Assistant Superintendent; Christy Howe, Recreation Director; Dan Goins, Indiana Live Steamers; and Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers. **Roll call was taken of those in attendance.**

**Penny Lee moved and Gary Cooper seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**Mike Weaver moved and Jeri Thompson seconded that the September 5, 2024 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

Claims for September were presented for approval. **Gary Cooper moved and Shalee Bradley seconded to approve the September claims, as presented for \$43,586.69. Motion carried.**

**Legal Report:**

- John informed the Board he had looked over some contracts for the Park this past month and in the coming months would be following up with some of the state's legislators on possible immunity for the Gatling Gauntlet.

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

- The car show in August had a great outcome with over 115 registered, and 150 cars total. The sponsorships for the event added up to \$1,700.
- The Movie in the Park event went well and had over 100 people attend.
- Christy presented the new Indiana on Tap 3 year contract for Pours in the Park. John Young stated he had already reviewed the contract and made the appropriate corrections. Christy asked for the Board's approval to move forward with the new contract. **Mike Weaver moved and Gary Cooper seconded the approval of the contract. Motion carried.**
- On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Christy will be visiting Fox59 for a live segment on the Parks second Annual Touch-A-Truck event.
- The Park will host 3 events in September. Bingo and Bluegrass on September 7<sup>th</sup>, Movie in the Park on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and Touch-A-Truck on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

- August had 6 events at the Horse Park. All of the shows went well and the Park received good comments.
  - September has 7 events scheduled. The weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Indiana Barrel Racing Futurity. This show has sold out all 384 horse stalls, 80 campsites, and 14 vendor plugs at the Horse Park. They have also sold out 89 temporary stalls inside of Dunn.
  - Brad informed the Board of some ongoing power issues at sites 1-32 at the Horse Park. Duke Energy has recommended upgrading the main panels. Brad said he will be in contact with an electrician to go over options on resolving the issue and will keep the Board informed.
  - Brad said he's currently working on the 2025 Horse Park contract and will be presenting it to the Board at the October Board meeting for approval. Once the contract is approved, Brad will start mailing them out and begin to finalize the Schedule for the 2025 Horse Park season.
  - Brad informed the Board that the full time employee who has been out for several months was able to return to work at the beginning of September.
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### **Kevin Leonard's Superintendent Report:**

- The construction of the new office is going well. They are scheduled to start framing within the next couple of weeks.
- Browns Tree Service came on August 27<sup>th</sup> to trim and raise trees in the campground. All of the campsites should now be open for larger campers.
- Plumbing Solutions was at the Park on August 30<sup>th</sup> and replaced the sewer line at the amphitheater restrooms.
- The second A/C unit at the Senior Center went out and had to be replaced this past month. C&S came out and replaced the unit quickly and everything is working properly now. The Parks maintenance staff had to do some work on the building as well. The staff installed a French drain around the Senior Center and re-graded the ditch at the East end of the building. In the past, there have been issues with water entering the building during heavy rain.
- The MS4/Stormwater inspection took place on August 27<sup>th</sup>. A few minor things were pointed out that we need to address. The staff took care of all of those the next day. The inspector stated that as long as we took care of those minor things before her report was finished we would not be deficient.
- The first read for budget was on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first read went really well and our submitted budget was approved. Second reading will be on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- We are on the Council agenda on September 9<sup>th</sup> to transfer \$10,000 from 1179 Building and Land to 1179 Operating Expenses. Also, we will be transferring \$5,000 from 1179 Building and Land to 1179 Promotional. That is to cover any remaining event costs and promotional items.
- Kevin informed the Policy Committee they he would like to meet this month to go over any policy changes for 2025. The committee consists of Kevin Leonard, Brad Wisner, Mike Weaver, Michael List, and Gary Cooper. Kevin said he would get with them after the Board Meeting to confirm a day to meet.
- Kevin informed the Board that a person wanted to rent the Scout Building from December 27<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> so they have a room to use while camping during that time. Kevin informed the Board that New Years Eve is one of the 4 days the Park does not allow rentals. Kevin asked the Board their thoughts on whether to allow the person to have the facility on New Years Eve. After much discussion amongst the Board, they decided not to allow the rental for that day in order to be consistent with the policy of the Park.
- Kevin opened and shared two quotes given to the Park for an expansion of the campground playground. Snider Recreation had a price of \$74,504 and MidStates Recreation gave a price of \$74,875. Kevin asked for the Board to approve him and Brad to review the different options and move forward with one of them. The goal for the project is to have it completed before the end of the year. After much discussion **Gary Cooper moved and Jeri Thompson seconded to allow Kevin and Brad to review and approve a company pending legal. Motion carried.**

### **Presidents Report**

- Nothing to report

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

- Dan Goins asked how many people would be attending the train ride scheduled for the Board.
- Peggy Racke requested that Christy would mention the Live Steamers when she goes to Fox59. Christy said she would.

**Shalee Bradley moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Gary Cooper seconded. Motion carried.**

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Gary Cooper, Interim Secretary



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