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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Johnson County Park Board of Directors
Johnson County Park Department
Thursday, January 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Park Board was opened at 6:00p.m. by Park Board Attorney, John Young. Dannette Morgan Penny Lee, Gary Cooper, Dan Cartwright, and Shalee Bradley were also in attendance. Park staff and audience in attendance: Kevin Leonard, Superintendent; Brad Wisner, Assistant Superintendent; Christy Howe, Recreation Director; and Peggy Racke, Indiana Live Steamers.

Roll call was taken of those in attendance.

John Young opened the meeting with discussion on Board position nominations.

Dannette Morgan requested to remain the Park Board Vice President. Penny Lee moved and Gary Cooper seconded for Dannette Morgan to be the Park Board Vice President. Motion carried.

Penny Lee nominated Gary Cooper as Park Board President. Dannette Morgan moved and Shalee Bradley seconded for Gary Cooper to be the Park Board President. Motion carried.

Dannette Morgan nominated Penny Lee as Park Board Secretary. Shalee Bradley moved and Dannette Morgan seconded for Penny Lee to be the Park Board Secretary. Motion carried.

Dannette Morgan moved and Penny Lee seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Penny Lee moved and Shalee Bradley seconded that the December 5, 2024 minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Claims for January were presented for approval. **Penny Lee moved and Dannette Morgan seconded to approve the January claims, as presented for \$10,602.87. Motion carried.**

Legal Report:

- John Young informed the Board that Senator Walker indicated to him that a bill was filed to give immunity to the Park for the Gatling Gauntlet.
- John presented his contract for 2025 and informed the Board that it was the same as 2024. **Dannette Morgan moved and Shalee Bradley seconded the approval of the contract. Motion carried.**

Christy Howe's Recreation Director Report:

- Christy asked the Board for approval of six 2025 contracts.
 - Ramsey Pyrotechnics
 - Allied Security
 - Big Bounce Fun House
 - Blonde Entertainment
 - Ever Ice
 - DJ Medic

Dannette Morgan moved and Shalee Bradley seconded the approval of the contracts pending legal. Motion carried.

- Christy asked the Board for approval to allow 1 tent per site during the Vintage Camper Rally. **Penny Lee moved and Dannette Morgan seconded allowing tents for the Vintage Camper Rally. Motion carried.**



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Brad Wisner's Assistant Superintendent Report:

- Amplifiers at Baker Arena are being replaced this month to resolve the issues that were brought up in December. Force Tech will be doing the installation. The cost from the project is \$3,365.42. They will also be providing the Park with a quote for new speakers at Baker Arena.
- Brad is continuing to work on the 2025 schedule for the Horse Park. Currently there are 51 shows on the 2025 calendar.
- One of the new shows for 2025 is a rodeo for the Mission 22 organization. Brad informed the Board that the show will also include a 5k run throughout the Park. Since this falls outside of a standard Horse Park Event the Board asked for the show to provide a Special Event Contract on top of the Horse Park Contract.
- Kevin and Brad met with Wes Harrison to go over the building of two new 34 stall barns at the Horse Park. The project is moving along well and a pre-bid meeting is set for January 28th.
- Baker Arena is scheduled to be graded this month and to also add lime to surround the area of the panels for smoother and level walkways.

Kevin Leonard's Superintendent Report:

- The new office is moving along well. The drywall and insulation is complete and they have started painting. The building is scheduled to be complete by the end of February or beginning of March.
- The campground playground expansion has been installed. Maintenance is currently installing new floors in the Maples and will be installing flooring in the Front Room next. The staff also metaled the exterior of the old garage building. The new fence at the Horse Park is scheduled to be installed this month.
- The Commissioners accepted a change order on the Pickleball project to expand the parking lot at Independence Park. They also accepted a bid to have canopies placed over the middle walkway section for the courts.
- Kevin and Brad have another meeting with Cintas tomorrow to go over all the facilities again. Cintas should be installing the new items soon.
- Kevin and Brad will be attending the Green Expo in February to meet with new vendors.
- Kevin requested the Boards approval to raise the credit card limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This is to order all of the appliances and equipment needed for the new camp store. Kevin is on the Commissioners meeting agenda next Monday for their approval also. **Dan Cartwright moved and Penny Lee seconded the approval to raise the credit card limit to \$10,000. Motion carried.**
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Presidents Report

- Nothing to report.

From the Floor and More:

- Peggy Racke informed the Board that she will be the next President for Indiana Live Steamers.
- The Board discussed when the Park will be updating their 5 year master plan and possible grant options.

Shalee Bradley moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:52 p.m. Dannette Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Penny Lee, Secretary