

Licking Park District
Board of Licking Park District Commissioners
Regular Meeting – November 18, 2015
James Bradley Senior Center

Mr. Holloway called the November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting to order at 6pm in the James Bradley Senior Center.

1) Roll Call

Present: Mr. Bradley; Mr. Kiracofe; Mr. Holloway; Mr. Moseley; Ms. Sjostrand-Post.
Staff: Ms. Balogh; Ms. McAdams; Mr. Williams

2) Approval of Minutes

a. October 21, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Kiracofe seconded, to approve the October 21, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Vote

3) Financial Report

Director Williams presented the Board with the October 2015 Appropriated Balance Financial Report.

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Moseley seconded, to accept the October 2015 Financial Report.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Vote.

4) Approval of expenditures and October 2015 payroll

a. Director Williams presented October 2015 payroll in the amount of \$25,916.88.
As expenses over \$1,000, Director Williams presented:

6029 - General Operating Fund

\$15,855.00 - Karen Chandler dba Legend Lawn & Landscape (contract mowing)

\$2,825.00 - Luikart Heating and Cooling - (Office AC coil replacement)

\$2,306.75 - Jarud White dba JAW Excavating (Lobdell parking lot repair)

\$91,000.00 - Triple H Enterprises (Bike trail asphalt paving)

3144 Bike Path Fund

\$12,402.60 - Triple H Enterprises (Bike trail asphalt paving)

Mr. Bradley moved, Ms. Sjostrand-Post seconded, to approve October 2015 payroll and expenditures over \$1,000.00 as presented.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Vote.

5) Old Business

a. Director Report

i. 2016 Budget

Director Williams presented the 2016 Budget to the Board for their review.

Discussion followed. Funding was increased for the seasonal marketing position.

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Mosely seconded, to approve the 2016 Budget as amended.

Roll Call: Mr. Kiracofe-Yes; Ms. Sjostrand-Post-Yes; Mr. Bradley-Yes; Mr. Holloway-Yes; Mr. Moseley-Yes.

Motion Carried

Mr. Holloway advised the Board that it appears that the County Commissioners have not included funding for the Bike Path Repair and Replacement Fund in their 2016 budget. He advises that he and Director Williams will set up a time to discuss this with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Holloway also advised the Board that the County Commissioners have agreed to transfer to Park District ownership the previously discussed land parcel at Riverview Preserve.

i. Bike Path

Director Williams advised the Board that there have been discussions with Sarah Wallace and Jennifer Roberts of the TJ Evans Foundation regarding a bike trail connection on their property going from Hopewell Rd to Forry Street. He advised that the Foundation would support the project from Hopewell to Forry St as the beginning of a full connection through Newark. Director Williams reported that ODOT's Randy Comisford says this connection will be a good TAP project.

Director Williams reported that regarding land ownership of the old railroad depot at the south end of the Buckeye Scenic Trail at Route 40, Sarah Wallace will be meeting with the adjacent landowner to discuss and determine the location of the property line.

Director Williams advised that he would be reviewing areas of the bike trail and submitting a proposal for the section to be paved in 2016.

ii. Marketing

Director Williams provided the Board with an update on marketing planning including a recent interview with the Newark Advocate, an upcoming interview with WNKO radio, and billboards planned for 2016.

Director Williams presented a printed array of logo modifications for the Board's review and will provide digital versions by email to show the colors more accurately. The Board will review the options and submit their preferences.

b. Program Report

i. Program Numbers

Ms. Balogh reviewed recent and upcoming programs with the Board. Discussion followed.

ii. 2016 Programming

Ms. Balogh reviewed the 2016 program schedule with the Board. Discussion followed. Mr. Holloway asked about progress on the Volunteer of the Year award. Ms. Balogh advised that the award recipient was being determined and arrangements are being made for a plaque.

iii. Volunteer Dinner

Ms. Balogh reviewed plans for the volunteer dinner and 25th Anniversary celebration, scheduled for January 23, 2016. The dinner will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Newark. Discussion followed.

6) New Business

a. Boyd Wilkin - driveway, parking lot

Director Williams presented a proposal to the Board for driveway widening and parking improvements at Boyd Wilkin Farm by JAW Excavating at a cost of \$9,885.00. Funding for this project would come from the Boyd Wilkin Farm fund held at the Licking County Foundation. Aggregate would be provided for by the ODOT Metro Parks Fund. Discussion followed.

Mr. Moseley moved, Mr. Bradley seconded, to approve the driveway widening and parking improvements at Boyd Wilkin Farm by JAW Excavating at a cost of \$9,885.00, with funding coming from the Boyd Wilkin fund at Licking County Foundation.

Roll Call: Mr. Bradley-Yes; Mr. Kiracofe-Yes; Mr. Holloway-Yes; Mr. Moseley-Yes; Ms. Sjostrand-Post-Yes.
Motion Carried

b. TJ Evans Parcel

Director Williams presented the Board with the information regarding an offer from the TJ Evans Foundation to enter into a management lease of a parcel of their land adjacent to Blackhand Gorge Preserve. Discussion followed. The Board concurred to decline the offer at this time.

c. Farmers National

Director Williams presented a recommendation to the Board to transfer \$20,737.47 of the accumulated farm lease funds held at Farmers National to the Boyd Wilkin fund at the Licking County Foundation.

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Kiracofe seconded, to approve the transfer of \$20,737.47 from the account at Farmer's National to the Boyd Wilkin fund at the Licking County Foundation.

Roll Call: Mr. Kiracofe-Yes; Mr. Holloway-Yes; Mr. Moseley-Yes; Ms. Sjostrand-Post-Yes; Mr. Bradley-Yes.
Motion Carried

d. Dog Park Update

Director Williams provided the Board with an update of recent incidents at the dog park involving human bites inflicted by one particular dog. He advised that Licking County Animal Control is currently investigating the incidents. The dog owner has been identified and the Park District will be issuing a letter banning the dog from the dog park for a minimum of 2 years, with stringent criteria that must be met if the owner wishes to bring the dog back after the 2 year ban. The Animal Control Officer has been, and will continue to show, a presence periodically at the dog park to assist with monitoring for licensing and managing incidents that occur.

7) Comments from the public

None

8) Adjournment

Mr. Kiracofe moved, Mr. Bradley seconded, to adjourn meeting.
Motion Carried by Unanimous Vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Next Regular Meeting: December 16, 2015, 6 pm , JBSC