

Licking Park District
Board of Licking Park District Commissioners

January 17, 2018, 4:00 pm

James Bradley Senior Center

The Mission of the Licking Park District is to acquire, manage, preserve, and conserve natural areas within Licking County, while protecting wildlife and local history in a manner that enriches our communities and provides access to diverse parks, educational opportunities and health and wellness activities.

Mr. Holloway called the January 17, 2018, Special Meeting to order at 4:13pm in the James Bradley Senior Center.

1) Roll Call

Present: Mr. Bradley; Mr. Holloway; Mr. Moseley; Mr. Kiracofe.

Absent: Ms. Sjostrand-Post

Staff: Ms. Balogh; Director Campitelli; Ms. McAdams

2) Natural Resource Management Advisory Committee - Planning Session

The purpose of the session was to begin laying out the direction, priorities and outline for an Infirmary Mound Park resource management and park development "master plan". The individual Board members discussed their views on needs and focus. Ms. Balogh and Director Campitelli presented a suggested outline for a multi-year resource management approach which would incorporate research and inventory of wildlife, trees, habitats, etc.

Mr. Holloway summarized three main points of natural resource management discussion that arose during this meeting:

- Develop prairie along Rt 37 (long term project)
- Immediate need for removal of invasive cattails in the man-made wetlands by Mirror Lake
- Doing a study of Infirmary Mound Park - inventory and impact study

Mr. Kiracofe summarized the overall identified projects the committee determined should be focused on in 2018 at Infirmary Mound Park:

- Small prairie demonstration plot in open space beside east end of service drive near Memorial Tree Garden (to be started in March 2018)
- Multi-year prairie project - field location chosen along Rt 37 north of shop and south of Mirror Lake Overlook, designated on map as area 1A
- Proposal that chicken coop is to be demolished and a new activity/programming space and storage structure considered for that site
- Re-roof JBSC and address inside re-modeling and acoustics
- Basketball court improvements to accommodate more programming and activity opportunities

- Natural elements playground- Location chosen behind and north of Shelter 5
- Removal of invasive cattails from man made wetland areas by Mirror Lake
- Inventory by experts and volunteers, of the bio-diversity of the park (trees, habitats, wildlife, etc), for use in planning resource management priorities and activities
- Explore grant funding and design for an ADA accessible pier on Mirror Lake.

It was suggested that the committee meet again in April; date to be determined. Committee members were asked to bring recommendations for development of a timeline highlighted projects.

3) Adjournment

Mr. Moseley moved, Mr. Kiracofe seconded, to adjourn meeting.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:41pm

Next Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled for April 2018