

**Licking Park District Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting – January 13, 2021**

Board Chair Mr. Kiracofe called the January 13, 2021, Special Meeting to order at 8:31am at the James Bradley Center, Infirmary Mound Park.

I. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Moseley, Ms. Sams, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Kiracofe, Mr. White (arrived at 8:33am)

Absent:

Staff: Director Waugh, Ms. Lohrman

II. Comments from the Public

None

III. Approval of January 13, 2021 Special Meeting Agenda

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Moseley seconded to approve the January 13, 2021 Special Meeting agenda.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion of Upcoming Levy

1. Review Mission Statement

Mr. Kiracofe presented the Licking Park District's current mission statement. The Board is in agreement that no changes need to be made.

2. ORC 1545 & LPD ByLaws

Mr. Kiracofe discussed the Licking Park District's ByLaws. The Board is in agreement of remaining passive & not in favor of being a recreational park district (ie. basketball courts, baseball/softball fields, etc.)

3. Discuss Vision for LPD

a) Why do people visit our parks?

Discussion took place on the features that draw visitors to LPD parks (education, hiking trails & bike paths, water features)

b) How can we improve our parks?

Discussion took place on adding handicap accessible features & encouraging seniors and young families to visit LPD parks & trails. Also key points on maintaining LPD's existing parks & features were discussed.

(1) Public surveys, private & public partner discussions  
Discussion took place on developing partnerships with local municipalities, universities, senior organizations & surveying the public.

c) Maintain Status quo?

Discussion took place on budget limits & utilizing more volunteers to help with park upkeep (ie C-TEC, 4H Groups, etc).

d) Partnership with private & public

(1) Amazon, etc

(2) Municipal governments

(a) Existing & additional

Discussion took place on the pros and cons of partnering with private & local entities.

e) Future Unseen Opportunities

Discussion took place on the necessity of LPD being present in municipalities where there is no LPD presence (ie, western Licking County, Utica area, etc)

f) Develop a Vision Statement

(1) Mr. Kiracofe to put together some thoughts.

4. Review/Revise the current strategic plan

a) Review/Revise 2022 goals

(1) Mr. Kiracofe stated he & Director Waugh will put together details & associated costs to discuss at the next levy meeting.

b) Big picture for next 5/10 years (Vision)

c) Maintenance Considerations

(1) Current & Future

Discussion took place on the goals/needs for each of Licking Park District's parks & paths & the possible costs of maintaining & improving these parks & paths.

5. Discussion of future dollar needs (projected operating & capital improvements expenses)

This was discussed under V. *Review/revise the current strategic plan.*

6. What can we do now to create more community support for LPD  
Discussion took place on avenues to use to present goals, with explanations on why/how & cost, to the public (ie. via meetings, press releases, utilizing local media, etc.).
  - a) Board Involvement
  - b) Friends for the Parks, Path & Trails - Licking Park District Levy

V. Adjournment

Mr. Moseley moved, Ms. Sams seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14pm

Next Regular Meeting January 20, 2021 6:00PM at Infirmary Mound Park, JBC.