

Licking Park District Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 17, 2021

Board Chair Mr. Kiracofe called the November 17, 2021, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00pm at the James Bradley Center, Infirmary Mound Park.

I. Roll Call

Present: Mr. White, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Bradley, Ms. Sams, Mr. Kiracofe

Absent:

Staff: Ms. Lohrman, Director Waugh

II. Comments from the Public

New LPD volunteer Mr. Douglas & Mr. Jenkins with the LPD levy committee joined the meeting as members of the public.

Mr. Douglas inquired about the status of the Concord Road bike path parking lot.

Director Waugh stated LPD needs the recorded ownership transfer that shows ownership to the TJ Evans Foundation. After that, a permit can be requested from Johnstown for the parking lot access from Concord Rd.

III. Approve agenda items / Request for additional agenda items

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to approve the November 17, 2021 regular meeting agenda items.

Ms. Sams asked to add discussion on the Maintenance Reserve fund & Mr. Kiracofe stated that would be covered during the budget discussion under VIII. New Business.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. October 26, 2021 Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bradley moved, Ms. Sams seconded to approve the October 26, 2021 rescheduled regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. Financial Status of Park District

A. October 2021 Financial Summary

Mr. Bradley moved, Ms. Sams seconded to approve the October 2021 financial summary.

Director Waugh presented the October 2021 financial summary to the Board.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. Approval of October 2021 Revenue & Expenses

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Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to approve the October 2021 revenue & expenses.

Director Waugh presented the October 2021 Revenue & Expenses to the Board.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. Old Business

A. Nature Playscape Update, including 2022 grant \$42,750

Director Waugh updated the Board on the status of the Nature Playscape.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase 1 took place before the board meeting today. Also, Ms. Balogh applied for the ODNR Nature Works grant earlier this year & it was announced this month that LPD was awarded \$42,750. This grant will go towards Phase 2 of the nature playscape in 2022.

During this discussion Mr. Bradley asked if lights could be added to the dog park at Infirmary Mound Park. Director Waugh stated that discussion has taken place regarding this issue & he will look into it further.

B. Newell Trail Update, final review of design plans

Director Waugh updated the Board on the status of the Newell Trail. Plans have been sent & Director Waugh will be reviewing them next week. Mr.

Bradley asked if the park was going to be all prairie or if any trees were going to be added. Director Waugh stated that a wetlands study took place before LPD took ownership of the land & that some of the property will be part wetlands & it's possible that trees can be included in other parts.

C. Update on new hire

Director Waugh updated the Board on the status of the new hire, Mr.

Brookover. Mr. Brookover is fitting in with staff & has done very well with equipment operation. He will have Mr. Brookover attend the December meeting for official introduction to the Board.

VIII. New Business - Special Item Follow Up

A. Mr. Kiracofe Levy Update/Report

Mr. Kiracofe announced that the levy passed 53%-47%. A recent article in the Newark Advocate reported that the city of Pataskala was upset but Mr. Kiracofe stated LPD will stay committed to helping & working with Pataskala. Ms. Sams stated she has witnessed the promises made by past LPD directors during council meetings. Nothing specific was said but promises to make a footprint in the area were made. She suggested opening up better communication with city leaders & stated a meeting needs to be scheduled

with them to make a plan for future partnerships & projects. Mr. Kiracofe stated that he was aware that past Directors Williams and Campitelli, and current Director Waugh, engaged in discussions with Pataskala Park Committee and other city officials to explore harmonious projects and programs in which LPD and Pataskala could collaborate. Mr. Kiracofe was not aware of any past promises the Directors or the LPD Board made to Pataskala other than to provide cost-share assistance to Foundation Park's walking path, which was constructed earlier this year.

Mr. Waugh did convey to Pataskala officials that if the November 2021 LPD levy was successful, that LPD would provide financial assistance to pave Foundation Park's walking path in 2023.

Director Waugh stated he has a meeting scheduled for November 22nd with Mr. Crawford from Pataskala. Mr. White asked if there was any carry over funds from the levy committee. Mr. Kiracofe stated there was about \$2,000 in carryover.

B. Draft budget review

Mr. Bradley moved, Ms. Sams seconded to approve the 2022 budget. Director Waugh presented the 2022 budget to the Board for approval. Mr. Bradley stated he hadn't received the 2022 budget. Director Waugh explained that expected expenses for 2022 is 1.3 million with just over 1 million in income & we would have approximately \$265,000 carry over from this year. Under Capital Improvements, the nature playscape is estimated to cost \$50,000; however LPD just received the ODNR Nature Works grant for \$42,750 so that will need to be added to the income side. The other change is under 3144 for the re-decking & railing of a small bridge near Christmas tree farm on TJ Evans trail. The estimated cost was \$15,000 however Director Waugh just got the quote & it will be \$20,400. Director Waugh stated that since we received the ODNR grant he wanted to put the handicap fishing dock in the 2022 budget (\$62,000). The budget will be modified to include changed bridge redecking cost and handicap fishing dock added to capital improvements in the 2022 budget and emailed to the Board.

Mr. Moseley stated that on the TJ Evans trail south of Johnstown, the trail is starting to crack & should be addressed before further damage is done, so this should be addressed in 2022.

Ms. Sams asked Mr. Kiracofe & Director Waugh what projects were promised during the levy campaign. Mr. Kiracofe stated \$150k/yr would go to municipal partners & \$75k/yr would go into the bike path fund for major repairs. Director Waugh stated a list of projects discussed during levy presentations was sent to board members, however Ms. Sams said she hadn't received that document. She also questioned the spending of \$88k for a walking path

around Mirror Lake & stated an amount hasn't been set on what to transfer to the Maintenance Reserve fund.

Director Waugh suggested that Ms. Sams schedule a meeting with him to discuss these items. He also is to email documents presented during levy campaign presentations.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Kiracofe-Yea, Mr. Moseley-Yea, Mr. White-Yea, Ms. Sams-No, Mr. Bradley-abstained

Motion carried by majority vote.

IX. Director's Report

A. Director's Report

Director Waugh provided the Board a brief overview of additional current projects/topics. Discussion took place on the following:

Catfish added to Mirror Lake, Eagle Scout boardwalk project(s) at Morris Woods, Taft North restroom rehab, Taft South flower bed removal, maintenance work near arena, osage orange tree stump for playscape

X. Adjournment

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Next Regular Meeting December 15, 2021 6:00 PM at Infirmary Mound Park - James Bradley Center