

Licking Park District Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 16, 2022

Board Chair Mr. Kiracofe called the March 16, 2022, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00pm at the James Bradley Center, Infirmary Mound Park.

I. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Moseley, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Kiracofe, Mr. White, Mr. Jenkins

Absent:

Staff: Ms. Lohrman, Director Waugh

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Approve agenda items / Request for additional agenda items

Mr. Moseley asked to amend agenda, moving item *VIII A. Possible Disc Golf Course at Riverview Reserve* to the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to approve the March 16, 2022 regular meeting agenda items with amendment.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. New Business

A. Possible Disc Golf Course at Riverview Reserve - PPT presentation

Kristy Moore & Corey Clark with Columbus Flyers Disc Golf Club presented to the Board their plans to install an 18 hole disc golf course at Riverview Preserve. Plans also include a natural walking path through the reserve around the perimeter of the 18 fairways. The purpose of installing a course at Riverview is to give eastern Licking County residents access to a professional disc golf course while also helping mitigate the many issues happening at Riverview Reserve. The club will maintain the fairways as well as help with maintenance, such as removing debris & trash, along trails. The club believes if more visitors are coming to the park, ATV users will reduce/stop using the trails & homeless won't be enticed to camp.

Board members expressed some concerns. LPD staff believe the addition of a disc golf course and walking trails would be a positive addition to Riverview. Director Waugh stated the Columbus Flyers would be providing all the baskets & asked the Board for \$14,000 to help with costs for trail creation & concrete pads for fairways.

Mr. Moseley moved, Mr. Jenkins seconded to allow Columbus Flyers to install an 18 hole disc golf course at Riverview Reserve, & the Park District spend up to \$14,000 to help Columbus Flyers install walking paths & concrete pads,

with stipulations that the Columbus Flyers finance the future maintenance of the disc golf course.

Mr. Moseley withdrew his motion so more information could be gathered regarding law enforcement & the topic could be revisited at the April 2022 Board meeting.

The Board instructed Director Waugh to discuss homeless, ATV, & vandalism concerns with Licking County Sheriff's Office & Newark Police Department, making sure they are willing to assist the Park District with these issues, should a course be installed. The Board would like to have law enforcement input before a final decision is made.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Moseley seconded to approve the February 16, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried by majority vote.

VI. Financial Status of Park District

A. February 2022 Financial Summary

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to approve the February 2022 financial summary.

Director Waugh presented the February 2022 financial summary to the Board. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. Approval of February 2022 Revenue & Expenses

A. February 2022 Revenue & Expenses

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Moseley seconded to approve the February 2022 revenue & expenses.

Director Waugh presented the February 2022 Revenue & Expenses to the Board.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. Old Business

A. Newell Trail Update

Director Waugh updated the Board on the status of the Newell Trail construction. A preconstruction meeting will be held on March 17, 2022.

B. Digital Sign Update

Director Waugh stated he spoke to Paula Green with Union Township & digital signs are not allowed in the township except along the interstate. He is working on a possible variance.

C. Mapping Update

Director Waugh stated the map for Infirmary Mound Park is done with the exception of adjusting margins.

Mr. Moseley suggested changing or marking property lines so users don't confuse them with a walking trail.

D. Invasive control along multi-use trail system

Director Waugh updated the Board on the invasive control work that LPD maintenance & volunteers are completing on our bike trails.

Mr. Moseley asked if the vines were being treated to prevent regrowth & Director Waugh said he is working on it.

E. Volunteer Appreciation Event 04/22/22

Director Waugh reminded the Board of the Volunteer Appreciation Event taking place on Friday, April 22, 2022 at the James Bradley Center, 5pm-8pm.

IX. New Business - Special Item Follow Up

A. Longwell & Miles Estate update & Resolution to accept transfer of land

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to accept transfer of the Longwell & Miles Estate to Licking Park District, along with a portion (yet to be determined) of money in the estate account via Resolution 2022-01.

Mr. Bradley encouraged Director Waugh to pursue purchasing a connecting property between Morris Woods & the Miles Estate.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Update on requested property purchases; Taft neighbor, Union Station Rd & R/W Taft access

Director Waugh followed up with the board on the three properties of interest. He stated he talked to Mr. Smith, the property owner of the land adjacent to Taft with the pond. Mr. Smith offered to sell the 27.32 acre property to the Park District for \$7,000/acre.

The Union Station property is off the market and Director Waugh has yet to hear back from the realtor following inquiries in January and February.

The property owner of the current right-of-way into Taft Middle, Mr. Huffman, is not interested in selling his land.

No action requested to follow up on any of the above properties.

C. Walking path, ADA ramp & ADA boat dock at Mirror Lake - 3 Options

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Jenkins seconded to discuss installing a walking path, ADA ramp, & ADA boat dock at Mirror Lake.

Director Waugh presented the quotes for these multiple projects to the Board. To install an ADA dock will cost \$34,000. To install a 6ft wide path from the parking lot to the dock will cost \$32,177. To install a 6ft wide path halfway around the lake (1,120ft) will cost \$28,984. To install a 6ft wide walking path all the way around the lake will cost \$56,108.

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Jenkins seconded to approve spending \$34,000 on an ADA dock & \$32,177 on a 6ft. wide path from the parking lot to dock.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Bradley-Yea, Mr. Jenkins-Yea, Mr. White-Yea, Mr. Moseley-Yea, Mr. Kiracofe-Yea

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. White moved, Mr. Moseley seconded to approve spending \$58,000 to install a 6ft. wide walking path all the way around Mirror Lake.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Moseley-Yea, Mr. Bradley-No, Mr. Jenkins-Yea, Mr. White-Yea, Mr. Kiracofe-Yea

Motion carried by majority vote.

D. 6' concrete approach to Shelters 3, 4, 5, 6; TBC Inc \$10,200

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to approve spending \$10,200 to install a 6ft. wide concrete path to Shelter 3, 4, 5, & 6.

Director Waugh stated Ms. Sams had suggested this during discussions about the ADA dock & thinks it would be a good upgrade to our shelters.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

E. Concrete apron approaches to shop & lower bay; TB Inc \$8,400

Mr. Moseley moved, Mr. Jenkins seconded to approve spending \$8,400 to install concrete approaches to maintenance shop upper & lower bays.

Director Waugh stated mud & dirt create issues with electronics and debris in the maintenance shop & he would like to see concrete approaches installed to mitigate this issue.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

F. Additional AEP easement at Boyd Wilkin \$3,000

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. White seconded to approve allowing AEP an easement at Boyd Wilkin. They will pay LPD \$3,000 for this easement.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

G. Transfer \$13,000 from Boyd Wilkin farm account to LC Foundation (leaves +/- \$5,000) in the farm account.

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Moseley seconded to approve transferring \$13,000 from the Boyd Wilkin farm account to LC Foundation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

H. Slip Repairs west of Moots Run Rd; Law \$10,987.50

Mr. Bradley moved, Mr. Jenkins seconded to approve spending \$10,987.50 to Law General Contractors to fix the slip west of Moots Run Rd near the Eagle's Nest on the TJ Evans Trail.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

I. 2 Newark slips & Granville Twp slip repair

Director Waugh presented slip issues occurring along the TJ Evans Trail in Newark & Granville. The two slips in Newark, one near Cherry Bend & the other west of Reddington Rd close to Park Trails, will cost approximately \$100,000. Director Waugh stated the Park District does not have the funds this year to help Newark with these costs. A slip in Granville township, near Maple Grove Cemetery, has opened up slightly. It has been repaired previously and may need additional work in the future.

J. Lobdell Mounts Rd parking lot paving; 101G Funds \$72-91,000; RW recommends saving 101G Funds for parking lot at Battee Rd

Director Waugh presented the option of using 101G Funds to fix the parking lot at Lobdell. He stated it will cost \$70,000 - \$90,000 to pave this lot.

Director Waugh stated he would rather use 101G Funds to extend the parking lot on the disc golf course side & also add parking to Shelter 5, & Reese Wildlife Sanctuary.

Mr. Moseley is concerned too much focus is being made on the disc golf course side. The Mounts Rd side needs a new pit toilet & repair to the parking lot. He doesn't want that side to get neglected. He stated the Board needs to consider the increase in traffic to this park when Intel arrives.

K. Municipal Partner Funding policy - no comments after February meeting, next step?

Director Waugh suggested moving forward with this policy.

Mr. Bradley stated he doesn't think this policy was thought through very well & doesn't meet the needs of the smaller communities who feel disenfranchised from the Park District. He stated he talked to Director Waugh on the phone about his concerns regarding spending too much money with the cities of Newark, Granville, & Johnstown on bike path repairs & he's concerned the Municipal Partner Policy will give these municipalities even more money while smaller communities' will receive little. Mr Bradley also stated concerns about a proposed agreement with the Licking County Commissioners regarding

major repair costs on the bike trail system. Director Waugh reminded Mr Bradley that he had previously indicated that the proposed bike trail major repair agreement with the Licking County Commissioners might be a viable option. Director Waugh also indicated he had requested suggested changes to the municipal partnership agreement in writing and had received no correspondence from Mr Bradley.

Mr. Moseley asked Mr. Jenkins if he received a copy of the Municipal Partner Policy & Mr. Jenkins stated he met with Director Waugh & added his comments at that time.

X. Director's Report w/PPT

A. Director's Report

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

Tippet Mound, Longwell Miles Estate, Granville Slip, Lobdell Kiosk

XI. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next Regular Meeting April 20, 2022 6:00 PM at Infirmary Mound Park - James Bradley Center