

**Licking Park District Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 17, 2023**

Board Chair Mr. Kiracofe called the May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting to order at 6:00pm at the James Bradley Center, Infirmary Mound Park.

- I. Roll Call  
Present: Ms. Campbell, Mr. Kiracofe, Mr. Moseley, Mr. White, Mr. Jenkins  
Staff: Director Lund, Ms. Lohrman
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Comments from the Public  
Jim Bradley was present. He wanted it on record that the current staff is, by far, the best group of employees the park has had since the inception of the Park District. He stated there have been individuals in the past who may have been better at a certain job but none have been as loyal as the current staff. He stated the staff has been through some difficult times recently so they need to be appreciated.
- IV. Approve agenda items / Request for additional agenda items  
Mr. Moseley moved, Ms. Campbell seconded to approve the May 17, 2023 regular meeting agenda items.  
Mr. Kiracofe suggested moving item IX.B. *Bike Buckeye Lake-Maple Bay Trail Revisited* to item VIII., & moving item VIII. *Old Business* to item IX.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - A. April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Mr. White moved, Mr. Moseley seconded to approve the April 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- VI. Financial Status of Park District
  - A. April 2023 Financial Summary  
Ms. Campbell moved, Mr. White seconded to approve the April 2023 financial summary.  
Director Lund presented the April 2023 financial summary to the Board.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- VII. Approval of March 2023 Revenue & Expenses
  - A. April 2023 Revenue & Expenses  
Mr. Moseley moved, Ms. Campbell seconded to approve the April 2023 revenue & expenses.  
Director Lund presented the April 2023 Revenue & Expenses to the Board  
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. Bike Buckeye Lake - Maple Bay Trail Revisited

Terry Fischer with Bike Buckeye Lake (BBL) presented a revised trail proposal to the Board regarding the possible bike path around Buckeye Lake. BBL hosts the *Tour de Buckeye Lake* in August, which is their largest fundraising event, where they collect & give away bikes to children in need. They also have trash pick days, their biggest being the day after the Buckeye Lake fireworks. Their goal is to build a multi-purpose trail around Buckeye Lake, with as much of the trail being off public roadways as possible. These trails would also include wayfinding signs. He stated the Village of Buckeye Lake has plans to install a bike path from the Buckeye Lake State Park to the Village limit at Interstate 70, just west of the Interstate 70 eastbound rest stop. They are asking the Licking Park District for a letter of support so BBL can get signage, an intent to support the Maple Bay portion of the trail, & an intent to maintain the Maple Bay portion (about a mile) of the trail (from the Buckeye Lake Village limit where the new Buckeye Lake path will end, to the connection at the south end of Buckeye Scenic Trail).

Ms. Campbell suggested Terry have interested townships & villages apply for Licking Park District's Government Partner Project Funds for possible funding of their portion of the trail or signage.

Mr. Moseley moved, Ms. Campbell seconded to provide a letter of support to BBL to establish the Buckeye Lake Trail, so BBL can get wayfinding signs.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. White moved, Mr. Jenkins seconded an intent to support BBL in the establishment of the Maple Bay trail portion of the Buckeye Lake Trail.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jim Bradley recommended BBL contact Ms. Wallace with the TJ Evans Foundation because she may want to be involved with this project.

IX. Old Business

A. Longwell-Miles Memorial Park - status update

Director Lund updated the Board on the status of the Longwell-Miles Park. He hasn't received an update from Judge Lange regarding the latest hearing. Mr. Kiracofe suggested Director Lund send Ms. Ryan an email, confirming what Licking Park District will do. One being that, once we create a master plan with public input, we will honor General Miles' will, secondly we will follow our mission statement, & lastly we will follow ORC.

B. Palmer Road Swamp Preserve (Etna Township) - road extension, parking lot & fencing

Director Lund stated Capitol Fence is at Palmer Road Swamp Preserve this week installing the fence. He stated there is a new Village Administrator. He reached out to her regarding a meeting with her & Trustee Rozland McKee. The Board agreed that if Director Lund doesn't hear back from the Village Administrator to put this project on hold.

C. 5-Year Strategic Plan

Director Lund suggested scheduling a special meeting to discuss the 5-Year Strategic Plan. The Board agreed to meet at the Licking Park District office on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 6pm.

D. Homeless Encampments at Riverview Reserve - status update

Director Lund updated the Board on the status of Riverview Reserve. He found two more encampments, so he spoke with the inhabitants & they agreed to move their belongings. He went back & cleaned up what was left behind. He stated a police officer will patrol the area for homeless & ATV users once school lets out.

He also stated Columbus Flyers is working on plans for the disc golf course layout.

E. 1% Retro Raise

Ms. Campbell moved, Mr. Moseley seconded to approve a 1% retro raise for staff, starting on Dec. 24, 2022, not Jan. 1, 2023, as originally approved at the April 2023 board meeting. December 24th was the official start of the pay period.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. New Business - Special Item Follow Up

A. Introduction of Erick Arthurs - new Maintenance Specialist I

Director Lund stated Mr. Arthurs couldn't stay for the meeting tonight but he is working out well, asking good questions & working well with staff.

XI. Director's Report

Director Lund presented the Board with his director's report. Discussion took place on the following:

Request to rename Paws to Play Dog Park, Licking County Foundation fund balances, Lobdell pedestrian entrance & sign, fence at Mirror Lake, Lobdell pit toilet install, Arbor Day event, Buckeye Scenic Trail crack filling & sealing, compliments to staff from public

Mr. Kiracofe stated a portion of the path to the fairy trail is muddy & asked if anything could be done to mitigate it. Ms. Lohrman stated she, Ms. Jennings, & Ms. Balogh discussed possibly closing that trail & rerouting fairy trail traffic to another trail.

Mr. White stated someone dumped tires at the Licking Valley Rd parking lot on Panhandle Bike Trail & asked if the tires could be brought to the park for disposal. Director Lund stated maintenance could pick them up. Mr. Moseley asked for six copies of the 2022 Annual Report to distribute to the Johnstown Parks & Rec committee.

XII. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Next Regular Meeting June 21, 2023 6:00 PM at Infirmary Mound Park - James Bradley Center