

LINCOLN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – At 4:35 PM, Don Peasley called to order the Lincoln Park District Board of Commissioners' meeting.

ROLL CALL – Commissioners attending were Don Peasley, Gary Nodine, Laura Duffer, Dave Perring and Bob Thomas. None were absent. Attending from the Park District was Angie Coombs. Becky Strait, Vern Haseley, Jaylee Swinford and Jennifer Prather were absent.

DISCUSSION – Angie reminded everyone that it is required to make available for public review the annual Tax Levy and Budget & Appropriation, no less than 30 days prior to any action taken to adopt the Ordinances. Angie has checked with the County Clerk to verify that the levy totals fall under both the Tax Caps and do not require a Truth in Taxation hearing, which is when taxes are raised more than 5%. Most notably, the Tort Judgement & Liability was reduced, and the Police Protection Tax was increased by almost the same amount. Thankfully, the pandemic had caused a slight reduction in those funds' related expenses and some reimbursements had been received by IAPD. This adjustment was approved by the County Clerk to make sure that it was within guidelines. Each year, the County Clerk provides the dollar amount available in relation to the City's aggregate EAV. This year's difference was around \$8,000.00 more than last year. The Recreation levy was adjusted to include most of the funds and a little more than \$1,500.00 was added to the Recreation/Community Center levy. Both levy items remain less than the cap allowance with these additions.

Traditionally, the Park District Levy is approximately 50% of the anticipated Appropriation. Some line items are closer to 100%, such as some administrative expenses like telephone services, but the average is half. Membership, program income and daily fees make up the balance. Angie informed the Board that she and Becky had reviewed the current Ordinances and compared them with the most current financial statements to estimate end of year expense totals. It was determined that the current income is between $\frac{2}{3}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$ of pre-COVID-19 totals. Unfortunately, expenses have continued to increase. Angie informed the Board that Becky may wish to discuss that concern at the next regular meeting.

The topic of the City owned parks did come up and Gary asked if there was money in the budget for a possible collaboration with the City for park improvement. Angie drew the Board's attention to the last page of the Budget & Appropriation, which outlines the Capital Improvement Fund. Gary did express concern for the amount listed as \$100,000.00 for a Park Project. Per the Board's previous request, monies were allocated for the possibility of improving the lighting on the Legion Field. Gary asked how much the field was used and rental money received, to which Angie deferred to answer until the next meeting when she can provide those numbers with Jaylee's contribution. Angie also pointed out that, per the 5-year plan created by Garland

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Roofing, the Sports Center Roof is scheduled to be fixed and recoated in 2022. Angie stated that she had requested verification of the expected expenses, and Ryan Benson had provided updated amounts, which reflect some higher costs due to the current demand. Overall, the anticipated cost was increased almost \$20,000.00 from the original estimate that was prepared 5 years ago. Angie explained to the Board that the Roof Project will use all the Bond balance that will not be utilized by the Debt Certificate payments. All other projects will deplete the current Capital Improvement Fund account. The current balance of the Capital Improvement Fund balance was questioned, which Angie estimated around \$910,000.00.

Angie also pointed out that even though the Board approved the purchase of a new truck, that payment upon receipt will most likely occur after the first of the year. This extends that cost until the next fiscal year, so it is included in the Budget & Appropriations for FY 2022.

Angie will make sure that copies are available at the Front Desk for public request.

Seeing no further business, Laura Duffer made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Gary Nodine. Motion passed. Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.