

LINCOLN PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES ~ EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE
APRIL 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – At 6:36 PM, Gary Nodine called to order the Lincoln Park District’s second meeting of the Efficiency Committee.

ROLL CALL – Commissioners attending were Gary Nodine, Don Peasley and Dave Perring. Laura Duffer and Bob Thomas were absent. Attending from the Park District were Becky Strait and Angie Coombs. Community Representatives Sam White and Aimee Galvin were absent.

MINUTES –

Laura Duffer made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting. Don Peasley moved to second the motion, which then passed after a unanimous, roll-call vote.

Becky informed the Committee that a legislative update, provided by IAPD via email, lists various bills presented for passing, which IAPD is actively communicating with state representatives and congress to discuss those that directly affect park districts. One of those listed was a bill proposing that County Boards are required to cut units of local government by 10-20%. IAPD is fighting against this, as it has not yet passed, by submitting arguments such as questioning the qualifications of County Boards to make those decisions. Another argument is how communities are to make up for those loss of services, followed by the question of how those services would be funded after the loss of the taxing body. It was speculated that this is the reason for the mandated efficiency committee reports being submitted to the County upon completion. Angie and Becky had briefly discussed the matter and felt that LPD should be safe, as it is in the county seat, but smaller communities’ park districts may not be so lucky. Gary questioned who runs the other county parks, to which Don explained that they have their own small boards.

Seeing no further business to discuss, Don Peasley asked for a motion to dissolve the committee. Laura Duffer made the motion to dissolve the Efficiency Committee. Gary Nodine moved to second the motion, which then passed after a unanimous, roll-call vote.

Laura Duffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Gary Nodine, and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:41 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be required in another 10 years.