

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 13, 2018
At the Mineral Springs Park Robert N. Blackwell Building
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

President Gillis called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and all stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

The following Commissioners were present: Kyle Cain, Gary Gillis, Paula Helm, Greg Maloney, and Kristen Walraven. Absent was Marv Brown and Scott Price. Also in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director; Richard Wherry, Park District Attorney; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Keith Knox, Parkside Athletics Manager; Tom Conlin, Chief of Police/Ranger Division; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator, and Rich Hallam; Business Office Manager. Absent was Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation. Press was not in attendance.

3. Additions to and/or Deletions from the Agenda, if any:

None.

4. Comments from the public:

None

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of November 29, 2018 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the November's Treasurer's Report.
- C. Approval of the bills and payroll for 11/27/18 thru 12/10/18 in the amount of \$149,601.61
- D. Approval of bills to paid 12/14/18 in the amount of \$33,401.26.

Move to accept the Consent Agenda.
Motion: Paula Hem 2nd: Greg Maloney
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Move to pass all items of business listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Budget Performance Summary Report – November 2018

The Executive Director made note that on the Treasurer's Report funds 51, 52, and 72 all are related with the issuing of bonds.

He also noted that in the Golf Fund \$160,000 was off due to a transfer not being made. He noted that they are still trying to figure out if we will get a loan from a bank or a loan from the Foundation. He stated he would review the situation and get an answer.

7. Illinois River Valley SRA Representative Report:

Commissioner Gillis stated no meeting – no report. Dori Smith had a video played of the recent IRVSRA Christmas party to show what Casey Smith had done with electronics in the room, show his musical talent and the great time that participants had at the party.

8. Fair Board Representative Report:

Commissioner Maloney stated no meeting – no report.

9. Pekin Park Foundation Report:

Commissioner Gillis reported that the Foundation received a \$2,000 donation to be used at Happy Tails Dog Park. He reported that they discussed Miller Center building improvements. He also reported that the RFP's were out for redesign of the Foundation website. He noted that they were using the Housing Authorities website as a template. He reported that they reviewed the Foundation Bylaws and discussed reorganization. He also reported that the Foundation was a beneficiary of a sizeable gift from Larry Schaumleffel. It was noted that these funds could be used as a lending source for the Park District.

10. Executive Director's (ED) Report:

The ED reported that he had received an email from Danielle Owens of District 303. She had received a request for a copy of the Agreement between the Park District and District 303 and was wondering if anyone at the Park District knew the person. It was a former Park District employee but no one knew any reason for her to request a copy of the Agreement.

The ED read thank you notes received from Tammy Whitehouse regarding the recent loss of her son.

11. Attorney's Report:

No report.

12. Staff Reports:

Alisha Dault reported that the holiday gathering at the Miller Center was a success. She noted disappointment that the Edison choir was unable to make it but that they had decorated cookies, played trivia and played Christmas music. She also invited everyone to stop by and check out the really nice Christmas ornaments that had been made for purchase.

Tom Conlin resigned from the Park District as Chief of Police. He noted that he had accepted a position in the Coroner's office. He noted that his last day would be December 31st and offered to help in any way he could with the transition. Commissioner Gillis thanked Tom for his service.

13. Commissioner Comments:

The December 1st storm was mentioned. The Executive Director (ED) reported that Dori Smith had called IPARKS again to report the hail storm. It was noted that IPARKS was going to send someone to check the buildings again. The ED also mentioned that it had washed out the road to the archery range and dog training entrance/parking areas. The ED noted that Scott had already taken care of the road to the archery range and that the dog training area would be taken care of next week. It was also noted that water had found its way in the north wall of Parkside Athletics.

Commissioner Gillis made mention of an advertising TV monitor at Parkside Athletics still scrolling "Have a safe Memorial Day". Keith Knox noted that he would have the ability to change the messages at the end of the month and that was one of things on his to do list.

Commissioner Walraven stated that someone asked her about Girls Softball training in the Livestock Review building noting that nothing has been going on. The ED noted that the Livestock Review also got water during the storm and that there had been a gas leak outside that Ameren took care of when reported. It was also noted that PCSA was responsible for the scheduling of the building and the ED was unaware of their schedule.

Commissioner Helm thanked Scott Clausen and staff again for the help with the Winter Wonderland set-up and maintenance.

Commissioner Gillis made mention of a picture of Cameron Bettin and Dori Smith receiving a Grant from IPARKS in their 2019 calendar. Commissioner Gillis also made mention that IPARKS would like to receive pictures annually for their calendar. Dori Smith noted that she has received pictures for submission but they don't meet IPARKS requirements. It was noted a camera could be purchased or we could ask for photos to be shared. Commissioner Gillis also noted that in an ongoing lawsuit for a drowning in a park pool in the Chicago suburbs resolution rendered a \$21,000,000 judgement. He noted that IPARKS coverage of the host park was more than adequate. He noted that it is a reminder of the potential liability we face. He noted that there would be more forthcoming on the incident.

14. Unfinished Business:

1. Approval to move forward with recommended Miller Center Improvement Projects –

The Executive Director noted that the Foundation Board had approved spending up to \$300,000. He also noted that Darrell Becker felt it would probably be a little less and that if the projects go over \$300,000 he will bring it back to both Boards. He stated that he would be setting up a time to meet with Darrell Becker and Alisha Dault for the timing of the projects.

Move to approve moving forward with recommended Miller Center Improvement Projects with a funding target not to exceed \$300,000.

Motion: Paula Helm 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote - motion carried.

15. New Business:

1. Approval of Ordinance 18-10

Move to approve Ordinance 18-10 "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES FOR PEKIN PARK DISTRICT, TAZEWELL AND PEORIA COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE YEAR 2018". There was no discussion

Motion: Paula Helm 2nd: Greg Maloney

All ayes by a roll call vote - motion carried.

2. Approval of an amended Pekin Park District Schedule of Monthly Board Meeting for Calendar Year 2019 –

The Executive Director pointed out that a Saturday meeting for touring parks and facilities had been added in May and that meeting location had changed for two meetings (April 25th at Soldwedel Program Center and November 7th at the Miller Center).

Move to approve the amended Pekin Park District Schedule of Monthly Board Meeting for Calendar Year 2019.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

16. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn.

Motion: Paula Helm 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dori K. Smith, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Pekin Park District