

**Topline Survey Results for the Pekin Park District (6/24/2026)**  
(n=468 registered likely voters; dates of interviewing May 22-June 21, 2026)

Q1. How long have you lived in Pekin?

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
|                         | Total |
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 467   |
| Less than 5 years       | 5%    |
| 5-9 years               | 6%    |
| 10-19 years             | 13%   |
| 20-29 years             | 11%   |
| 30+ years               | 64%   |
| Mean                    | 38.44 |
| Median                  | 39.00 |

Q2. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
|                         | Total |
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 462   |
| Yes                     | 100%  |
| No                      | -     |

Q3. How likely is it that you will vote in the upcoming general election in November?

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
|                         | Total |
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 467   |
| Very likely             | 93%   |
| Somewhat likely         | 7%    |
| Not very likely         | -     |
| Not at all likely       | -     |

Q4. Rate your overall opinion of the Pekin Park District.

|                         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 467   |
| Highest regard (9-10)   | 36%   |
| Great (8)               | 21%   |
| Good (6-7)              | 19%   |
| Neutral (5)             | 13%   |
| Poor (0-4)              | 10%   |
| 0                       | 1%    |
| 1                       | 1%    |
| 2                       | 3%    |
| 3                       | 3%    |
| 4                       | 3%    |
| 5                       | 13%   |
| 6                       | 5%    |
| 7                       | 14%   |
| 8                       | 21%   |
| 9                       | 11%   |
| 10                      | 24%   |
| Mean                    | 7.40  |
| Median                  | 8.00  |
| Unfamiliar              | 2%    |

Q5. Prior to this survey, have you heard or read anything about a potential referendum for the Pekin Park District?

|                         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 468   |
| Yes                     | 7%    |
| No/Do not recall        | 93%   |

Q7. Do you support or oppose the referendum?

- The Pekin Park District is considering a voter referendum on the November ballot for a property tax increase to fund needed repairs and improvements to its parks, access routes, and recreational facilities. The proposed referendum question is expected to read as follows:

*Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the Pekin Park District, Tazewell and Peoria Counties, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to [OPTION 1: 0.083% ; OPTION 2: 0.149% ] above the limiting rate for levy year 2025 for the purposes of improving and repairing parks and recreational amenities, including better and safer roads and access to several major facilities, replacing broken plumbing and infrastructure at the Sunken Garden Fountain, repairing the foundation and other structural improvements at the Pavilion, improving drainage at sports fields at Pekin Park Sports Complex, and other park purposes, and be equal to [OPTION 1: 0.440% ; OPTION 2: 0.506% ] of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2026?*

- The approximate amount of the taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$2,161,564, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is [OPTION 1: \$2,661,554; OPTION 2: \$3,061,564].*
- For the 2025 levy year, the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be [OPTION 1: \$27.54; OPTION 2: \$49.56 ].*
- If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2026 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculation under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).*

|                  | Total | OPTION 1<br>0.083% | OPTION 2<br>0.149% |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total            | 468   | 228                | 240                |
| Unweighted Total | 466   | 226                | 240                |
| <b>SUPPORT</b>   | 45%   | 46%                | 45%                |
| <b>OPPOSE</b>    | 55%   | 54%                | 55%                |
| Strongly support | 21%   | 19%                | 22%                |
| Somewhat support | 25%   | 26%                | 23%                |
| Somewhat oppose  | 19%   | 21%                | 17%                |
| Strongly oppose  | 36%   | 33%                | 38%                |

Q8A. Why would you support the referendum?

|                                                            | Total | OPTION 1<br>0.083% | OPTION 2<br>0.149% |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total                                                      | 468   | 228                | 240                |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                    | 176   | 87                 | 89                 |
| BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY NET                                   | 70%   | 67%                | 74%                |
| Would improve property value/bring people to Pekin         | 4%    | 5%                 | 3%                 |
| Parks/REC are important to communities, people of all ages | 16%   | 13%                | 19%                |
| Understandable that money is needed for upgrades           | 13%   | 11%                | 15%                |
| Support due to frequent use (parks, pavilions, etc.)       | 9%    | 5%                 | 13%                |
| Use current budget well, trust the board                   | 2%    | 5%                 | -                  |
| Parks/Facilities are already great, continue as is         | 28%   | 23%                | 33%                |
| The Park District is beneficial to Pekin                   | 16%   | 21%                | 11%                |
| Parks are beneficial to children/future                    | 11%   | 7%                 | 15%                |
| PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS NET                                  | 39%   | 43%                | 34%                |
| Improvements/upgrades are needed, general                  | 12%   | 19%                | 5%                 |
| Needs updating/modernization, outdated                     | 4%    | 3%                 | 4%                 |
| Be more appealing, better landscaping/maintenance          | 5%    | 4%                 | 5%                 |
| Sports fields/courts need improvements                     | 1%    | 1%                 | 2%                 |
| Facilities need improvements, general                      | 11%   | 12%                | 10%                |
| Better accessibility                                       | 2%    | 2%                 | 3%                 |
| Sunken Garden Fountain improvements                        | 2%    | 1%                 | 3%                 |
| Pekin Park Sports Complex                                  | 2%    | 1%                 | 2%                 |
| The Pavillion                                              | 2%    | 2%                 | 2%                 |
| Coal Miners Park                                           | 2%    | -                  | 4%                 |
| Improvements to parks specifically                         | 8%    | 4%                 | 12%                |
| Other facilities                                           | 2%    | 1%                 | 3%                 |
| Other parks                                                | 1%    | 1%                 | 1%                 |
| SUPPORT WITH CONCERNS NET                                  | 13%   | 11%                | 14%                |
| Support but do not want a tax increase                     | 5%    | 3%                 | 7%                 |
| Support but asking for too much                            | 1%    | 1%                 | 1%                 |
| Support but need more information                          | 6%    | 7%                 | 6%                 |
| Other support with concern                                 | 1%    | 1%                 | *%                 |
| OTHER NET                                                  | 9%    | 10%                | 7%                 |
| General negative comment                                   | 2%    | 4%                 | 1%                 |
| Other                                                      | 6%    | 6%                 | 6%                 |
| Nothing/No reason                                          | 1%    | 1%                 | 1%                 |

## Q8B. Why would you oppose the referendum?

|                                                                                    | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                                                                              | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                                            | 228   | 106      | 122      |
| TAX RELATED NET                                                                    | 62%   | 64%      | 60%      |
| Taxes are too high                                                                 | 52%   | 55%      | 49%      |
| Taxes will continue to increase                                                    | 4%    | 3%       | 4%       |
| Considering relocation due to taxes/cost of living (leaving Pekin, Illinois, etc.) | 5%    | 4%       | 5%       |
| Oppose referendum due to previous tax increase (school, fire, etc.)                | 2%    | 1%       | 3%       |
| Other City (non-PD) tax or budget reasons                                          | 12%   | 9%       | 14%      |
| DISLIKE/TRUST ISSUES NET                                                           | 25%   | 22%      | 27%      |
| General complaints about the Parks and Rec                                         | 9%    | 8%       | 10%      |
| This referendum is unnecessary (parks/buildings are fine, needs are met)           | 3%    | 5%       | 2%       |
| I do not use parks/buildings personally                                            | 4%    | 4%       | 4%       |
| Disagree with board decisions/do not trust board                                   | 16%   | 13%      | 18%      |
| Already charging higher user fees, no need to raise taxes                          | 4%    | -        | 7%       |
| ECONOMIC CONCERNS NET                                                              | 29%   | 25%      | 31%      |
| Economic concerns (cost of living, inflation, recession indicators, not the time)  | 17%   | 16%      | 18%      |
| Unrealistic request, asking too much, large amount                                 | 2%    | 1%       | 4%       |
| The increase would be too much for me                                              | 6%    | 5%       | 6%       |
| On a fixed income                                                                  | 5%    | 5%       | 5%       |
| Senior/retired                                                                     | 5%    | 5%       | 4%       |
| ALTERNATIVES NET                                                                   | 24%   | 26%      | 22%      |
| Find alternative sources (general, grants, higher user fees, etc.)                 | 11%   | 12%      | 10%      |
| Reallocate resources (i.e., unused buildings/programs, use current budget better)  | 15%   | 17%      | 13%      |
| Other buildings/programs already provide these services                            | -     | -        | -        |
| CONDITIONAL SUPPORT NET                                                            | 7%    | 6%       | 7%       |
| Conditional support (reduce scope, etc.)                                           | 3%    | 1%       | 5%       |
| More information needed                                                            | 3%    | 5%       | 2%       |
| OTHER NET                                                                          | 2%    | 2%       | 2%       |
| Not Parks and Rec related                                                          | -     | -        | -        |
| Other                                                                              | *%    | *%       | *%       |
| Not sure, nothing, don't know                                                      | 1%    | 1%       | 1%       |

Q9A. A successful referendum will allow the District to fully repair and improve roads, parking areas, and sidewalks near key facilities for better access/safety and lower repair costs - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 459   | 226      | 233      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 52%   | 49%      | 55%      |
| Excellent reason        | 23%   | 20%      | 25%      |
| Good reason             | 30%   | 29%      | 30%      |
| Fair reason             | 27%   | 29%      | 26%      |
| Poor reason             | 20%   | 22%      | 18%      |

Q9B. The last tax referendum sought by the Park District was over 45 years ago in 1980 (which was passed mostly to pay for road repairs) - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 454   | 222      | 232      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 51%   | 52%      | 51%      |
| Excellent reason        | 26%   | 24%      | 27%      |
| Good reason             | 26%   | 27%      | 24%      |
| Fair reason             | 27%   | 27%      | 28%      |
| Poor reason             | 21%   | 21%      | 22%      |

Q9C. Having excellent parks and recreational facilities and features helps make Pekin a more desirable place to live, which protects and improves our property values - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 459   | 226      | 233      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 58%   | 55%      | 61%      |
| Excellent reason        | 31%   | 30%      | 32%      |
| Good reason             | 27%   | 26%      | 29%      |
| Fair reason             | 21%   | 23%      | 19%      |
| Poor reason             | 21%   | 22%      | 20%      |

Q9D. A successful referendum will fund newer and more efficient infrastructure for Sunken Garden Fountain at Mineral Springs Park to fix issues, make improvements, and reduce ongoing/increasing repair costs - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 457   | 224      | 233      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 42%   | 42%      | 42%      |
| Excellent reason        | 17%   | 16%      | 17%      |
| Good reason             | 26%   | 26%      | 25%      |
| Fair reason             | 27%   | 26%      | 28%      |
| Poor reason             | 31%   | 32%      | 30%      |

Q9E. A successful referendum will provide the Pavilion with funds to address major structural repair needs and ensure that the Pavilion is safe and more usable for years to come - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 455   | 225      | 230      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 51%   | 50%      | 52%      |
| Excellent reason        | 25%   | 26%      | 24%      |
| Good reason             | 26%   | 24%      | 28%      |
| Fair reason             | 30%   | 31%      | 28%      |
| Poor reason             | 19%   | 19%      | 19%      |

Q9F. A successful referendum will allow for needed improvements to the athletic fields at Pekin Park Sports Complex, especially improved drainage - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 454   | 224      | 230      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 40%   | 38%      | 41%      |
| Excellent reason        | 14%   | 14%      | 15%      |
| Good reason             | 25%   | 25%      | 26%      |
| Fair reason             | 30%   | 29%      | 31%      |
| Poor reason             | 30%   | 32%      | 29%      |

Q9G. Without additional funds from a referendum, the Park District may need to limit access or eventually close some of its park features and /or recreational facilities - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 455   | 224      | 230      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 48%   | 49%      | 48%      |
| Excellent reason        | 24%   | 25%      | 22%      |
| Good reason             | 24%   | 23%      | 25%      |
| Fair reason             | 25%   | 25%      | 24%      |
| Poor reason             | 27%   | 26%      | 28%      |

Q9H. This referendum would translate into an additional \$500k/\$900k per year going to the Park District.  
This seems to be a reasonable amount given the delays, scope, and number of the improvements needed. - Rate how effective this argument in support of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 454   | 225      | 229      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 38%   | 40%      | 37%      |
| Excellent reason        | 17%   | 16%      | 18%      |
| Good reason             | 21%   | 24%      | 19%      |
| Fair reason             | 31%   | 30%      | 31%      |
| Poor reason             | 31%   | 30%      | 32%      |



Q10. Please indicate the ONE statement that you feel represents the best reason to support the referendum.

|                                                                                                                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                                                                                                                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                                                                                 | 461   | 225      | 236      |
| Having excellent parks and recreational facilities and features helps make Pekin a more desirable place to live         | 19%   | 23%      | 15%      |
| The last tax referendum sought by the Park District was over 45 years ago in 1980                                       | 18%   | 16%      | 21%      |
| Otherwise, the Park District may need to limit access or eventually close some of its park features                     | 13%   | 10%      | 15%      |
| A successful referendum will allow the District to fully repair and improve roads, parking areas, and sidewalks         | 11%   | 12%      | 10%      |
| A successful referendum will provide the Pavilion with funds to address major structural repair needs...                | 6%    | 7%       | 6%       |
| This referendum would translate into an additional \$500k/\$900k per year, which seems to be a reasonable...            | 4%    | 3%       | 6%       |
| A successful referendum will fund newer and more efficient infrastructure for Sunken Garden Fountain at Mineral Springs | 2%    | 3%       | 2%       |
| A successful referendum will allow for needed improvements to the athletic fields at Pekin Park Sports Complex...       | 1%    | 1%       | 2%       |
| None of the above                                                                                                       | 25%   | 26%      | 24%      |

Q11A. Property taxes are too high already, and I oppose any property tax increase - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 461   | 223      | 237      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 65%   | 63%      | 66%      |
| Excellent reason        | 50%   | 48%      | 51%      |
| Good reason             | 15%   | 14%      | 16%      |
| Fair reason             | 22%   | 26%      | 18%      |
| Poor reason             | 13%   | 11%      | 15%      |

Q11B. My household does not use the Pekin Park District parks or facilities and would not benefit from any proposed improvements - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 458   | 224      | 234      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 23%   | 27%      | 20%      |
| Excellent reason        | 12%   | 14%      | 11%      |
| Good reason             | 11%   | 13%      | 9%       |
| Fair reason             | 23%   | 24%      | 22%      |
| Poor reason             | 54%   | 50%      | 58%      |

Q11C. With the current rate of inflation, high interest rates, and overall economic uncertainty, now is not the time to ask for a tax referendum or borrow money - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 462   | 224      | 238      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 63%   | 58%      | 67%      |
| Excellent reason        | 45%   | 44%      | 45%      |
| Good reason             | 18%   | 14%      | 21%      |
| Fair reason             | 25%   | 27%      | 24%      |
| Poor reason             | 12%   | 15%      | 10%      |

Q11D. I feel that there is waste and unnecessary spending at the Park District. It should first cut spending and waste before asking for a tax increase - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 462   | 224      | 238      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 42%   | 44%      | 40%      |
| Excellent reason        | 27%   | 29%      | 24%      |
| Good reason             | 15%   | 14%      | 16%      |
| Fair reason             | 26%   | 27%      | 26%      |
| Poor reason             | 32%   | 29%      | 34%      |

Q11E. If the Park District needs more money, it should add or increase fees instead of asking for more tax dollars - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 459   | 224      | 235      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 35%   | 36%      | 34%      |
| Excellent reason        | 18%   | 16%      | 19%      |
| Good reason             | 17%   | 20%      | 15%      |
| Fair reason             | 35%   | 33%      | 36%      |
| Poor reason             | 30%   | 31%      | 29%      |

Q11F. While adding \$27.54/\$49.56 per \$100k of a home's value may seem reasonable to some, there are many in this area who are retired or on fixed incomes that cannot afford this - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 462   | 225      | 237      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 73%   | 72%      | 74%      |
| Excellent reason        | 48%   | 46%      | 50%      |
| Good reason             | 25%   | 26%      | 24%      |
| Fair reason             | 20%   | 20%      | 19%      |
| Poor reason             | 7%    | 8%       | 7%       |

Q11G. The additional \$500k/\$900k per year is too much. Scale back its plans to focus only on the most needed improvements - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 456   | 223      | 232      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 44%   | 38%      | 50%      |
| Excellent reason        | 23%   | 20%      | 26%      |
| Good reason             | 21%   | 18%      | 24%      |
| Fair reason             | 30%   | 33%      | 27%      |
| Poor reason             | 26%   | 29%      | 23%      |

Q11H. Illinois has some of the highest property taxes in the country. We need to start finding ways to cut them or keep them from increasing further - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 463   | 225      | 238      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 74%   | 72%      | 77%      |
| Excellent reason        | 57%   | 55%      | 59%      |
| Good reason             | 17%   | 17%      | 18%      |
| Fair reason             | 15%   | 18%      | 13%      |
| Poor reason             | 10%   | 10%      | 10%      |

Q11I. There may also be a referendum to raise the Tazewell Co. sales tax by 1% in order to help fund county schools and I cannot/don't want to pay for two tax increases - Rate how effective this argument in opposition of the referendum is.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 461   | 223      | 238      |
| <b>TOP 2 BOX</b>        | 68%   | 65%      | 71%      |
| Excellent reason        | 48%   | 47%      | 49%      |
| Good reason             | 20%   | 18%      | 21%      |
| Fair reason             | 21%   | 24%      | 17%      |
| Poor reason             | 11%   | 10%      | 12%      |

Q12. Please indicate the ONE statement that you feel represents the best reason to oppose the referendum.

|                                                                                                                              | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                                                                                                                        | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                                                                                      | 462   | 225      | 237      |
| Illinois has some of the highest property taxes in the country...find ways to cut them or keep them from increasing further  | 22%   | 21%      | 23%      |
| Property taxes are too high already, and I oppose any property tax increase                                                  | 21%   | 22%      | 21%      |
| With the current rate of inflation, interest rates, and economic uncertainty, now is not the time...                         | 15%   | 13%      | 18%      |
| While adding \$27.54/\$49.56 per \$100k of a home's value may seem reasonable to some...                                     | 13%   | 15%      | 10%      |
| There may also be a referendum to raise the Tazewell Co. sales tax by 1%... I cannot/don't want to pay for two tax increases | 8%    | 9%       | 7%       |
| If the Park District needs more money, it should add or increase fees instead of asking for more tax dollars                 | 4%    | 4%       | 4%       |
| The additional \$500k/\$900k per year is too much. Scale back its plans to focus only on the most needed improvements        | 4%    | 1%       | 6%       |
| I feel that there is waste and unnecessary spending at the Park District... cut spending and waste before asking             | 4%    | 3%       | 4%       |
| My household does not use the Pekin Park District parks or facilities and would not benefit from any proposed improvements   | 2%    | 3%       | 1%       |
| None of the above                                                                                                            | 8%    | 9%       | 6%       |

Q13. After reading the arguments for and against the referendum, do you support or oppose it?

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 466   | 228      | 238      |
| <b>SUPPORT</b>          | 47%   | 48%      | 46%      |
| <b>OPPOSE</b>           | 53%   | 52%      | 54%      |
| Strongly support        | 20%   | 19%      | 20%      |
| Somewhat support        | 27%   | 28%      | 25%      |
| Somewhat oppose         | 20%   | 21%      | 18%      |
| Strongly oppose         | 34%   | 31%      | 36%      |

Q14. TOP CHOICE - Rank the importance of the potential improvements.

|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                                                                                                                                                                               | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                                                                                                                                             | 324   | 156      | 168      |
| Road repairs at and around major District facilities including Miller Center, Mineral Springs Park, and Pekin Sports Complex to improve vehicular access                            | 30%   | 28%      | 33%      |
| Constructing new sidewalks at the Miller Center, and within Mineral Springs Park to provide easier and safer access to major Park District facilities                               | 16%   | 15%      | 17%      |
| Infrastructure improvements for a fully functional Sunken Garden Fountain at Mineral Springs Park, and better accessibility down to the fountain                                    | 5%    | 6%       | 5%       |
| Structural and safety repairs to the Pavilion                                                                                                                                       | 33%   | 36%      | 31%      |
| Improved athletic fields at Pekin Park Sports Complex, including a complete renovation of the baseball/softball infields to improve drainage and soccer and football field drainage | 15%   | 15%      | 15%      |

Q14. TOP 3 - Rank the importance of the potential improvements.

|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                                                                                                                                                                               | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                                                                                                                                             | 324   | 156      | 168      |
| Road repairs at and around major District facilities including Miller Center, Mineral Springs Park, and Pekin Sports Complex to improve vehicular access                            | 69%   | 68%      | 70%      |
| Constructing new sidewalks at the Miller Center, and within Mineral Springs Park to provide easier and safer access to major Park District facilities                               | 69%   | 70%      | 68%      |
| Infrastructure improvements for a fully functional Sunken Garden Fountain at Mineral Springs Park, and better accessibility down to the fountain                                    | 28%   | 30%      | 25%      |
| Structural and safety repairs to the Pavilion                                                                                                                                       | 71%   | 70%      | 73%      |
| Improved athletic fields at Pekin Park Sports Complex, including a complete renovation of the baseball/softball infields to improve drainage and soccer and football field drainage | 41%   | 39%      | 42%      |

Q14A. Road repairs at and around major District facilities including Miller Center, Mineral Springs Park, and Pekin Sports Complex to improve vehicular access - Rank the importance of the potential improvements.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 290   | 139      | 152      |
| 1 (most important)      | 34%   | 32%      | 36%      |
| 2                       | 22%   | 28%      | 15%      |
| 3                       | 21%   | 16%      | 26%      |
| 4                       | 14%   | 14%      | 13%      |
| 5                       | 9%    | 10%      | 9%       |
| Mean                    | 2.43  | 2.42     | 2.43     |

Q14B. Constructing new sidewalks at the Miller Center, and within Mineral Springs Park to provide easier and safer access to major Park District facilities - Rank the importance of the potential improvements.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 285   | 136      | 150      |
| 1 (most important)      | 18%   | 18%      | 19%      |
| 2                       | 31%   | 31%      | 31%      |
| 3                       | 29%   | 32%      | 26%      |
| 4                       | 17%   | 13%      | 20%      |
| 5                       | 5%    | 6%       | 4%       |
| Mean                    | 2.59  | 2.58     | 2.59     |

Q14C. Infrastructure improvements for a fully functional Sunken Garden Fountain at Mineral Springs Park, and better accessibility down to the fountain - Rank the importance of the potential improvements.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 284   | 133      | 151      |
| 1 (most important)      | 6%    | 7%       | 6%       |
| 2                       | 13%   | 14%      | 12%      |
| 3                       | 12%   | 15%      | 11%      |
| 4                       | 27%   | 23%      | 30%      |
| 5                       | 42%   | 42%      | 42%      |
| Mean                    | 3.85  | 3.78     | 3.91     |

Q14D. Structural and safety repairs to the Pavilion - Rank the importance of the potential improvements.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 296   | 145      | 151      |
| 1 (most important)      | 36%   | 38%      | 34%      |
| 2                       | 23%   | 19%      | 26%      |
| 3                       | 19%   | 17%      | 20%      |
| 4                       | 14%   | 16%      | 13%      |
| 5                       | 8%    | 9%       | 7%       |
| Mean                    | 2.35  | 2.38     | 2.31     |

Q14E. Improved athletic fields at Pekin Park Sports Complex, including a complete renovation of the baseball/softball infields to improve drainage and soccer and football field drainage - Rank the importance of the potential improvements.

|                         | Total | OPTION 1 | OPTION 2 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Total                   | 468   | 228      | 240      |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 295   | 143      | 152      |
| 1 (most important)      | 16%   | 16%      | 16%      |
| 2                       | 12%   | 9%       | 16%      |
| 3                       | 16%   | 18%      | 14%      |
| 4                       | 25%   | 29%      | 21%      |
| 5                       | 30%   | 28%      | 33%      |
| Mean                    | 3.41  | 3.44     | 3.37     |



Q15. Which of the following Pekin Park District locations have you used in the past 12 months?

|                                                           | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total                                                     | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                   | 462   |
| Mineral Springs Park                                      | 57%   |
| Mineral Springs Park Lagoon                               | 44%   |
| Coal Miners' Park                                         | 38%   |
| Pavilion on the Lagoon                                    | 25%   |
| McNaughton Park                                           | 24%   |
| Pekin Sports Complex                                      | 23%   |
| Miller Center                                             | 21%   |
| McNaughton Park trails                                    | 21%   |
| DragonLand Water Park                                     | 20%   |
| Pekin Bike Trail                                          | 20%   |
| Magic Dragon Mini Golf                                    | 19%   |
| Parkview Golf Course                                      | 18%   |
| Veterans Memorial Arena                                   | 18%   |
| Lick Creek Golf Course                                    | 18%   |
| Parkside Fitness                                          | 16%   |
| James Field                                               | 14%   |
| Sunken Gardens Fountain/Sundial<br>(Mineral Springs Park) | 13%   |
| Riverfront Park                                           | 13%   |
| Happy Tails Dog Park                                      | 10%   |
| Rotary Park                                               | 9%    |
| Dirksen Park trails                                       | 9%    |
| Disc Golf Course (McNaughton Park)                        | 8%    |
| Splash Pad (Riverfront Park)                              | 8%    |
| Blenkiron Park                                            | 8%    |
| Dirksen Park                                              | 6%    |
| Skate Park (Mineral Springs Park)                         | 6%    |
| Independence Park trails                                  | 6%    |
| Miller Park                                               | 4%    |
| IRVSRA Recreational Center                                | 4%    |
| Railsplitters' Park                                       | 4%    |
| Archery Range (Dirksen Park)                              | 4%    |
| Tante Park                                                | 3%    |

|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Willow Park                            | 3%  |
| Kiwanis Park North                     | 3%  |
| Independence Park                      | 2%  |
| Horse Stables                          | 2%  |
| Kiwanis Park South                     | 2%  |
| Southside Business Association Park    | 1%  |
| Remote Control Airfield (Dirksen Park) | 1%  |
| None of the above                      | 18% |

Q16A. Which two sources do you rely on most for information about local or Park District issues?

|                                                                          |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total                                                                    | Total<br>468 |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                                  | 436          |
| The City of Pekin (website, newsletter, social media)                    | 29%          |
| Other website(s)                                                         | 1%           |
| Pekin Park District social media/Facebook                                | 40%          |
| Local news (print, digital, streaming/TV)                                | 20%          |
| Pekin Park District website                                              | 24%          |
| Pekin Park District newsletter or emails                                 | 13%          |
| Other non-Pekin Park District social media (e g , local groups/agencies) | 16%          |
| Word of mouth from friends, neighbors, etc.                              | 38%          |
| Other sources                                                            | 3%           |

Q16B. Which one of those sources do you rely on the most?

|                                                                           |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total                                                                     | Total<br>468 |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>                                                   | 399          |
| The City of Pekin (website, newsletter, social media)                     | 15%          |
| Other non-Pekin Park District social media (e g , local groups/agencies)  | 7%           |
| Word of mouth from friends, neighbors, etc                                | 17%          |
| Other sources: Which one(s)?                                              | 2%           |
| Local news (print, digital, streaming/TV): Which papers/stations/sources? | 14%          |
| Pekin Park District website                                               | 11%          |
| Pekin Park District newsletter or emails                                  | 7%           |
| Pekin Park District social media/Facebook                                 | 26%          |
| Other website(s): Which website(s)?                                       | *0%          |

Q17. In what year were you born? (SHOWN AS AGE BELOW)

|                         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 447   |
| <35                     | 7%    |
| 35-44                   | 15%   |
| 45-54                   | 16%   |
| 55-64                   | 17%   |
| 65-74                   | 26%   |
| 75+                     | 18%   |
| Mean                    | 59.12 |
| Median                  | 62.00 |

Q18. Please note your gender.

|                          | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Total                    | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i>  | 461   |
| Male                     | 43%   |
| Female                   | 57%   |
| Prefer to self-describe: | -     |

Q19A. Under age 5 - Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

|                         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 238   |
| None                    | 86%   |
| One                     | 9%    |
| Two                     | 2%    |
| Three                   | 1%    |
| Four                    | -     |
| Five or more            | 1%    |

Q19B. Ages 5 to 11 - Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
|                         | Total |
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 244   |
| None                    | 75%   |
| One                     | 20%   |
| Two                     | 5%    |
| Three                   | 1%    |
| Four                    | -     |
| Five or more            | -     |

Q19C. Ages 12 to 17 - Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
|                         | Total |
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 244   |
| None                    | 71%   |
| One                     | 16%   |
| Two                     | 11%   |
| Three                   | 2%    |
| Four                    | -     |
| Five or more            | -     |

Q19D. Ages 18 to 64 - Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
|                         | Total |
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 341   |
| None                    | 20%   |
| One                     | 19%   |
| Two                     | 44%   |
| Three                   | 14%   |
| Four                    | 3%    |
| Five or more            | 2%    |

Q19E. Ages 65 or older - Including yourself, how many people in your household are...

|                         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 314   |
| None                    | 36%   |
| One                     | 34%   |
| Two                     | 29%   |
| Three                   | *%    |
| Four                    | -     |
| Five or more            | 1%    |

Q20. Please indicate where you fall on the political spectrum.

|                         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Total                   | 468   |
| <i>Unweighted Total</i> | 468   |
| Lean left/Democrat      | 24%   |
| Independent/Neutral     | 41%   |
| Lean right/Republican   | 36%   |