

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2021
At the Mineral Springs Park Robert N. Blackwell Administration Building
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

President Helm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

The following commissioners were present: Marv Brown, Kyle Cain, Gary Gillis, Paula Helm, Greg Maloney and Greg Ranney. Absent was Commissioner Kristen Walraven. Also in attendance was; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Chip Hill, Asst. Board Secretary/Business Manager; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation, Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; and Cory Proehl, Director of Golf. Staff absent was: Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director Richard Wherry, Park District Attorney; and Luke VonDerHeide, Chief of Park Police.

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

None.

4. Comments from the public:

Amy McCoy, Executive Director of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce and Baylee Gambetti, 2020 Marigold Festival Chairperson presented the Board of Commissioners with a \$1,500 donation.

Amy noted that they are in the midst of planning the 49th Annual Marigold Festival and working with the Tazewell County Health Department for implementation of Covid guidelines. Commissioner Gillis asked to move consideration of New Business item #2 under public comments.

Move to approve the request received from Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce for use of Mineral Springs Park property for the purpose of hosting the annual Pekin Marigold Festival the weekend of September 11 -12, 2021.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown
All ayes by voice call vote – motion carried

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:
 - A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2021.
 - B. Approval of the March 2021 Treasurer's Report.
 - C. Approval of the bills and payroll for 3/9/21 thru 3/22/21 in the amount of \$24,191.11
 - D. Approval of bills to be paid 3/26/21 in the amount of \$45,049.57

A correction to the Minutes was noted. Board President Paula Helm was absent from the 3/11/2021 meeting and it was Vice President Maloney that called the meeting to order.

Move to accept the Consent Agenda and noted correction to the 3/11/2021 Minutes.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

6. Motion to pass the items of business listed in the Consent Agenda:

Move to pass the business items in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote as stated in the meeting agenda.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Greg Maloney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried.

7. Budget Summary Report: February 2021

The ED reported that some adjustments from the last Budget Summary Report did not occur due to the Business Manager out of the office quarantining. He also reported that transfers are not reflected because they happened in March after budget approval. The ED indicated that he is contemplating presenting the Budget Summary Report the first meeting of the month, which would allow the Business Manager more time to reconcile with bank statements and make adjustments/corrections where needed.

8. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported that the Tazewell County Veterans Memorial Fair Association (TCVMFA) approved moving forward with the lighting improvements to the Livestock Review Building. He also reported this was being done at no cost because Scott Clausen was able to obtain a Grant from Ameren to cover the Park District's copay.

The ED reported the Recreation Department applied for and was awarded a Power Play Grant from IAPD.

9. Attorney Comments:

The ED reminded the Board that Richard Wherry indicated that he is ready to move on and introduced Michael R. Seghetti of Elias, Meginnes & Seghetti, P.C. Attorneys at Law. The ED noted that Michael R. Seghetti will be appointed

as the Park District Attorney at the Board's reorganizational meeting April 22, 2021.

10. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis read a Resolution he created to acknowledge park employees and their efforts through the Covid 19 pandemic. The Resolution states the following: "Through its creative programming, maintenance for its parks and abundance of open space, the Pekin Park District provided a place for residents to escape during the confinement, isolation, and stress brought on by the Covid 19 pandemic. Therefore, on behalf of a grateful community, the Pekin Park District's Board of Commissioners wishes to thank every employee for their hard work, dedication, resilience and good spirits during these historically trying times. We are proud of you."

Commissioner Maloney commented that he saw Cameron on the news last night being interviewed regarding the Mineral Springs Park playground.

It was noted that the Staff Reports, Park Foundation, IRVSRA and TCVMA reports were left off the Agenda. It was asked that the Park Foundation and IRVSRA reports be included on 25th meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Maloney gave an update on health concerns a past employee was having.

Commissioner Cain commented that Tom Elliott had sent her message indicating that he felt the playground looked great.

Commissioner Maloney reported the TCVMA approved purchasing overhead garage doors for the Cultural Exhibits Building (indoor tennis courts). He also reported they are planning an in-person 4H Fair this year. He also indicated that he submitted his resignation from the TCVMA.

11. Unfinished Business:

1. Approval of the quotation received for removal of the existing boat dock in Mineral Springs Park, as part of the OSLAD Grant projects -

Move to approve of the quotation received from Team Reil Inc. in the amount of \$16,800 for removal of existing boat dock in Mineral Springs Park, as part of the OSLAD Grant projects.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

2. Approval of the quotation received for the purchase and installation of a boat dock in Mineral Springs Park, as part of the OSLAD Grant projects -

Move to approve of the quotation received from Team Reil Inc. in the amount of \$44,892 for the purchase and install of a boat dock in Mineral Springs Park, as part of the OSLAD Grant projects.

Motion: Greg Maloney 2nd: Marv Brown

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

12. New Business:

1. Approval of the bid for the Mineral Springs Park Tennis & Pickleball Courts Improvement Project, as part of the OSLAD Grant projects.

Move to approve the bid received from WM Aupperle & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$304,565 for the Mineral Springs Park Tennis & Pickleball Courts Improvement Project, as part of the OSLAD Grant projects.

Motion: Greg Maloney 2nd: Marv Brown

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

2. Consideration of the request received from Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce for use of Mineral Springs Park property for the purpose of hosting the annual Pekin Marigold Festival the weekend of September 11 -12, 2021.

3. Discussion regarding a Health & Wellness Policy –

The ED indicated that he has been working with Katherine from the Illinois Public Health Institute putting together a Health & Wellness Policy. He noted that the Policy continues to be a work in progress. There was discussion relating to nutrition and what healthy choices might be offered at the Miller Center, golf courses and concessions. It was noted that Parkside tried healthy alternatives in their vending machines and did not have success.

4. Discussion regarding Playground surveys for Kiwanis Park North and Southside Business Association Parks –

The ED reported that surveys were mailed to residents in close proximity to Kiwanis Park North (KPS) and Southside Business Association (SSBA) Parks regarding playground replacement. He noted that 13% of the surveys sent were returned regarding KPN and 9% regarding SSBA. The ED noted that he will work with playground manufacturers to come up with a plan. He also noted that we will contact those that wanted us to. Commissioner Gillis asked if he had a specific time frame. The ED indicated late summer/early fall. Commissioner Cain asked about costs. The ED indicated he would try to stay around \$100,000 or less at each park, and would be meeting with the Superintendent of Parks to discuss.

13. Executive Session:

1. Move to convene into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, litigation or personal status of employees, officers and legal counsel for the park district.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried (time: 6:40 p.m.)

2. Move to reconvene into Open Session.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried (time: 6:46 p.m.)

3. Action on Executive Session, if any.

Move to approve an employee's request to gift 40 hours (5 days) of accumulated IMRF sick days to an employee due to the numerous days of leave absence for a serious health condition.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Greg Ranney
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

Move to approve an employee's request to gift 16 hours (2 days) of accumulated IMRF sick days to an employee due to the numerous days of leave absence for a serious health condition.

Motion: Greg Maloney 2nd: Gary Gillis
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

14. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn.
Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Greg Ranney
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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