

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2021
At the Veterans Memorial Arena
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

President Helm called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

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

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2021.

B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 3/23/21 thru 4/5/21 in the amount of \$139,560.46

C. Approval of bills to paid 4/9/21 in the amount of \$9,722.16

Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown

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: Greg Ranney 2nd: Gary Gillis

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Staff Reports:

Shawn Powers welcomed all to the Arena and noted he would be happy to give a tour after the meeting, if anyone was interested. He reported that a vaccination clinic would take place at the Arena on April 9th.

Keith Knox reported that he had been dealing with an outside water leak this week.

7. Executive Director Report: No Report

8. IRVSRA Representative Report:

Commissioner Gillis reported they will be meeting April 20th. He noted that Special Olympics activities are cancelled and tickets for the Duck Race are on sale. Cameron Bettin indicated Cory Proehl is late to the meeting because he is conducting a golf clinic for six IRVSRA participants. It was noted that they have four to five individuals participating in tennis lessons and that facility rentals are going well.

9. Park Foundation Representative Report:

Commissioner Gillis reported the following: Discussed governance 501 (c) 3 but classification is 509 (a) 3; Foundation marketing will check with McDaniel's Marketing; website review on agenda each month or quarter; Spending Plan – will need to determine what is required of the Foundation (may be required to spend a certain percent); they are looking into role of Treasurer and will decide whether the position will be internal within park district or go outside the park district to seek someone.

10. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Ranney noted that he had read through the DragonLand Water Park Covid Operating Summary that Shawn Powers submitted with his staff report. He asked "How difficult will it be to operate?" Shawn Powers replied, "sort of very" and noted that the average attendance will be 287 and they will probably hit capacity once in a while and explained how he will manage.

Commissioner Gillis welcomed Sue McMillan and congratulated Greg Ranney both for being elected. He also reported that he had been contacted by Peter Murphy, Executive Director of IAPD and been asked to step up and serve as IAPD Chairperson of the Board. Gary indicated the individual next in-line had been defeated in his election. Gary indicated he accepted.

Commissioner Helm complimented Shawn Powers on the PlayGuide. She noted that she felt it was much better.

Commissioner Walraven complimented everyone involved with the new playground. She noted the kiddos love the new playground.

11. Unfinished Business:

1. Approval of the Lease with Blazin' A Trail and Boarding, Inc. -

Move to approve the Lease with Blazin' A Trail and Boarding, Inc.
Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Kristen Walraven
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried
2. Approval of the Pekin Park District Health & Wellness Policy -

Move to approve the Pekin Park District Health Wellness Policy.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2ndMarv Brown
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

12. New Business:

1. Discussion regarding Capital Improvement Projects –

Cameron Bettin noted that a couple of meetings ago he presented of list of Capital Improvements and OSLAD Projects. He reviewed the updated project amounts of the IDNR/OSLAD Grant Project and Capital Improvement Projects list.

13. Executive Session

1. 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 and the approval and release of Executive Session Minutes.
Motion: Marv Brown 2nd: Greg Ranney
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 6:34 p.m.
2. Reconvene into Open Session.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 6:40 p.m.

3. Action on Executive Session.

Move to approve Executive Session Minutes as presented.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Move to not release any Executive Session Minutes.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Paula Helm

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

14. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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