

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021  
Mineral Springs Park, Robert N. Blackwell Building  
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

President Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

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

3. Additions to and/or Deletions from the Agenda, if any: None

4. Comments from the public:

Nathan Powers of Boy Scout Troup 163 was in attendance. He is working on his Citizenship & Community Merit badge.

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of the May 27, 2021 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 5/25/21 thru 6/7/21 in the amount of \$99,123.10
- C. Approval of bills to be paid 6/11/21 in the amount of \$104,488.05

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg Ranney

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: Paula Helm 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported Scott Clausen received a thank you note from Steve Saal of the Tazewell County Veterans Assistance Commission for providing bleachers for Memorial Day services.

The ED reported Cory Proehl received an \$800 Grant from the River Cup Foundation and that he plans to spend the money on junior clubs.

7. Staff Reports:

Shawn Powers reported Ellis & Associates conducted the season's first operating audit and DragonLand Water Park received an "exceeds overall" rating, which is the best you can get.

Scott Clausen reported the controller for the irrigation system at Pekin Sports Complex is broken and needs to be replaced and that parts are on order. He indicated that it's getting pretty brown down there. He also reported that algae growth was detected in the Lagoon today and that it will be treated over the weekend.

8. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Helm thanked Shawn Powers and Scott Clausen for having everything up and running well at the Pekin Sports Complex for the Memorial Day weekend soccer tournament.

9. Unfinished Business:

1. OSLAD Grant Project update (tennis courts, Lagoon sidewalk & Pavilion patio area and restrooms) –

Cameron Bettin reported that work on the tennis courts begins Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> and they have until August 16<sup>th</sup> for completion. He indicated that Amy Wilson is working on bid documents for the lagoon sidewalk and patio area, planning for a July bid release. He noted that in the original grant submission the Royal Avenue restroom was to be torn down and rebuilt. He indicated that now the thought is to keep the Royal Avenue restroom as is and add a new restroom where the swing sets are located, and eventually tear down the "hill restroom building". He indicated that if the Board was in agreement with the change, the park district will need to obtain permission from IDNR. He noted that there was an error in the design cost stated in his memo, and that the "Design – additional"

was actually \$11,800 and a total of \$35,440. He noted that the Parks Department began work on the viewing pier today and that the unknown cost is the Lagoon sidewalk and patio area. Cameron Bettin stated it is his opinion that it's worth seeking permission from IDNR for the restroom change. Consensus of the commissioners indicated they were in agreement.

Move to seek permission from IDNR to add a new restroom instead of renovating the Royal Avenue restroom.

Motion: Paula Helm 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gary Gillis

All eyes upon a voice call vote – Motion carried.

2. Discussion regarding the Enterprise Fleet Lease –

Cameron Bettin reported that last October the park district began leasing six trucks for the Parks Department, and that we made the first switch of trucks in April. He reported an equity gain of \$60,993.60. He noted that amount was much more than expected. He indicated the next six will be ordered and we will do another sale and could get another \$60,000. He noted we will place an order in July to receive in April of 2022 and then most likely switch to a twelve-month lease. Cameron Bettin decided to move forward with leasing one dump truck. The lease is for five years with an option to buy at the end of the lease or continue with lease payments. The Parks Department has seven more vehicles in the fleet that need to be replaced, and another two vehicles in the Golf Department that need to be replaced. He noted that if nine are added to our lease fleet that would bring the total to fifteen starting in April, 2022 and the lease would be for twelve months instead of six. He indicated he would like to take advantage of this opportunity to replace our fleet and begin the establishment of a capital replacement fund for the Park and Golf Department.

3. Discussion regarding a request received for use of the Veterans Memorial Arena by Bo Cheeseman –

Cameron Bettin reported he and Shawn Powers met with Bo Cheeseman regarding his proposal. He noted that Bo was shocked at the cost to build locker rooms. Bo is to talk to some individuals and look at the design a little closer. It was noted that everyone loves the idea but that the park district cannot commit more than \$100,000 to \$200,000. It was also noted “the balls in Bo’s court”.

4. Approval of a Tennis Court Reservation Agreement Among Pekin Park District and Bradley University –

Cameron Bettin noted the signed Agreement had been reviewed and returned by Bradley University and that nothing had changed. It was the same as presented previously.

Move to approve a Tennis Court Reservation Agreement with Bradley University.

Motion: Paula Helm 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kristen Walraven

10. New Business: None

11. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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