

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2021
Mineral Springs Park - Robert N. Blackwell Administration 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 to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

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

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 the June 10, 2021 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the May 2021 Treasurer's Report.
- C. Approval of the Bills and Payroll for 06/08/21 thru 06/21/21 in the amount of \$\$34,924.75.
- D. Approval of Bills to be paid 06/25/21 in the amount of \$70,569.52

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Gary Gillis

All ayes by a roll 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: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried.

7. Budget Performance Summary Report: May 2021

Cameron Bettin (ED) noted Chip Hill spent some time setting up the report like the format used by IAPD that Commissioner Gary Gillis provided. Comments from the commissioners were positive regarding the change. The ED reported some salary adjustments in concessions needed to be made due to employees clocking in under the wrong code. The ED reported Cures Act funding was received for the Police Fund. He also noted that Chip Hill has submitted information to DCEO. Replacement Tax is \$54,000 ahead of budget. He also noted that he and Dori Smith looked back through the Replacement Tax history and historically the Park District has never received as much as it has to date (\$900,830).

8. IRVSRA Representative Report:

Commissioner Ranney stated they meet in July next.

9. Fair Board Representative Report:

Commissioner McMillan stated their next meeting is July 13th.

10. Pekin Park Foundation Report:

Commissioner Gillis reported they continued discussion on creation of a "Request for Funds" form. The desire is to have uniformity in every project requested or conducted. The board further discussed how we would categorize and catalog each request so we would have them for permanent record and to watch for precedence. The ED provided an itemized list of potential projects (included in packets) the Foundation could support in the future together with expected costs. Upon request from the board, it was agreed that the ED would report next month on a possible prioritized list. The board again reviewed a bench replacement policy with discussion focusing on some type of guaranteed minimum that the bench would be in existence. So far the consensus seems to entertain the idea of a 15 year guarantee. Extenuating circumstances, such as storm damage or park replacement for aesthetic reasons was also discussed. He also reported Pekin Youth Hockey met and exceeded its ambitious fund raising goal. So far they have raised \$51,546 with their efforts continuing. Over \$37,836 is still needed to complete the project. The Foundation is discussing plans to create a fundraising match, since

Youth Hockey has met their challenge and raised a majority of the funds needed.

11. Executive Director's (ED) Report:

The ED reported the IPARKS Renewal Comparison would be on the July 8th agenda for approval. He stated that he and Dori simply forgot to put it on the agenda. He also noted that IPARKS, IPRF, and Beazley Cyber insurance would all renew for 6 months and then all will renew on a calendar year to go along with the new fiscal year. He also noted IPARKS premium went up because total building limit increased. Cyber coverage also increased due to increased hacking. The ED also reported that IPARKS is issuing a \$7,313 check for 2020 Covid-19 relief. He also noted that the mod factor for IPRF should go down next year and we should see rates improve.

The ED reported he sent a text to Marv, Kyle, and Dori regarding a complaint by a gentleman that was upset over not being able to hang a hammock between trees in the park. He further noted that the gentleman wanted to know what he needed to do to get a change in the Ordinance. The ED indicated that he was not willing to recommend that change and that the gentleman indicated he may attend a board meeting with the desire to have the Ordinance changed.

He also reported the board received a letter regarding goose droppings that Dori forwarded to Marv and Kyle. He indicated that he did send a reply, but it came back as undeliverable & he forgot to try to resend. He explained to the board that the goose droppings are cleaned up every morning and that once a week it gets a thorough cleaning.

The ED indicated that he forgot to ask commissioners if they were ok with the new way of doing the bills and payroll reporting. They were all ok with the new reports.

The ED reported that he and Dori Smith met with Cory Proehl and Greg Funk regarding the outdated irrigation system at Lick Creek Golf Course. He indicated that it may be possible to pay for a new system in installments and that Cory Proehl would be organizing golf outings at both courses as capital improvement campaigns. He indicated that he needed to contact Aaron Gold of Speer Financial and talk with local banks regarding a possible loan. He also noted it may be possible to go to the Foundation with a request. Commissioner Gillis noted that he would like to see a summary of the park's indebtedness.

The ED reported that he received an email from IDNR this afternoon that approves the restroom change order.

12. Attorney's Report: No report

13. Staff Reports:

Dori Smith reported she had been to Mr. Wherry's office to retrieve park district files that he kept and Michael Seghetti reported that Mr. Wherry had provided him with a thumb drive of park district files.

Scott Clausen reported that this is the first year since he started that he hasn't been bogged down with truck repairs. He thanked Luke VonDerHeide for bringing forward the leasing program information with Enterprise, Inc.

14. Commissioner Comments:

Kristen Walraven asked "how did we fare through the recent storm?" Scott Clausen answered not too bad, but there are still several trees that need to be removed. The ED noted that we were fortunate we had subs working on the tennis courts that removed a large damaged tree by the Police Office Building.

Commissioner Ranney reported that he participated in the IAPD Boot Camp Monday and felt it was well worth his time. He also thanked Chip Hill for the change in bills and payroll reports.

Sue McMillan reported that she had four individuals come to her and tell her that scoreboards on diamonds 1, 2, 3, & 4 at the Pekin Sports Complex were not working properly. Scott Clausen and Shawn Powers both responded that they were unaware of any problems. Scott indicated he would investigate the situation.

Commissioner Gillis commented that on June 11th at the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast Greg and Gloria Ranney were named Grand Marshals for the Marigold Festival. He congratulated Commissioner Ranney and noted that he felt it was well deserved.

15. Unfinished Business: None

16. New Business:

1. Discussion regarding future plans for the Pekin Sports Complex –

The ED indicated he received an email from the donor regarding the three-acre parcel and sixteen-acre parcel of land at the Pekin Sports Complex. The donor would like to know the park district's future plans for the property. He would like to know something this fall when he comes back to the area. The ED indicated that we will need to have some serious conversations. He noted that he is updating the Strategic Plan and that this is a good time for conversations. Commissioner Gillis asked about applying for another OSLAD Grant. The ED noted that he will talk with Amy & Bruce from the Farnsworth Group and invite them to a July meeting.

17. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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