

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 21, 2021
Lick Creek Golf Course Clubhouse
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Roll Call:

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

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

Move to remove the Strategic Plan discussion listed under Unfinished Business from the Agenda.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Gary Gillis

All ayes by a voice call vote - motion carried

4. Comments from the public: None

5. Speer Financial presentation of bids received for the sale of approximately \$164,500 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021A and \$500,500 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021B -

Aaron Gold of Speer Financial reviewed the bids received. He reported four bids were received for each issue. He indicated the low bid received for both bond issues was Busey Bank, Peoria, Illinois. He recommended awarding the low bid received from Busey Bank, Peoria, Illinois.

Approval of the low and recommended bid received for the issuance of approximately:

1. \$164,500 Taxable General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2021A –

Move to approve the low bid received from Busey Bank, Peoria, IL at an interest rate of 0.88% at a price of \$164,500.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Paula Helm

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

- 2.. \$500,500 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021B -

Move to approve the low bid received from Busey Bank, Peoria, IL at a rate of 0.78% at an amount of \$500,500 for General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021B.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

Cameron Bettin stated that he, Dori Smith and Chip Hill met with Aaron Gold regarding a hypothetical \$2 mil bond issue for Lick Creek Golf Course irrigation. He noted that the park district would lose capital money and asked Aaron to explain. Aaron Gold also passed out a Hypothetical \$2M New Money Rollover Bond Financing Model (9-8-21). He explained that it would wipe out all capital funds for years and that the park district would have to offset additional costs in the General and Recreation Funds. His recommendation was that it would not be a good move for the park district. He also indicated that the first point in time for restructuring bonds would be 2027. Cameron Bettin noted that there have been several conversations with Cory Proehl and Greg Funk and they are working on a more manageable plan and will bring forward an idea at a later date.

6. Approval of Ordinance 21-3 -

Move to approve Ordinance 21-3 “An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$164,500 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021A, and approximately \$500,500 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021B, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Park District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding alternate bonds of the Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds the purchaser thereof”.

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

7. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2021 and October 7, 2021.

Approval of the bills and payroll for 10/05/21 thru 10/18/21 in the amount of \$469,455.78

- B. Approval of bills to be paid 10/22/21 in the amount of \$36,344.58
- C. Approval of the September 2021 Treasurer's Report.

Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, but removing approval of the October 7, 2021 Minutes.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Paula Helm
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

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

Motion: Paula Helm 2nd: Gary Gillis
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried.

8. Executive Director's Report:

Cameron Bettin reported the following:

- He attended a prebid meeting last week for the Mineral Springs Park restroom renovation. Work is scheduled to begin October 25th for the Royal Avenue restroom sidewalk and Pavilion patio. He hopes the project will be completed this year.
- He met with Keith Campbell of PCSA. PCSA will be back using the LRB November 1st.
- He received news regarding the BC/BS insurance renewal that is effective January 1st. We have been quoted a 7.08% decrease in premiums.
- He thanked Cory Proehl for hosting the meeting at Lick Creek Golf Course Clubhouse.

9. Staff Reports: None

10. IRVSRA Report:

Commissioner Ranney reported the following:

He noted that Casey Smith reported things are going fairly well in numbers. They have several going to State for the Special Olympics. They spent time on costs & fees that are charged compared to other SRA's. He noted some charge a 50% markup for out of district participants and some higher than 50%. Casey and staff feel our SRA has a lot to offer but not sure how much fees should be increased – 75 are out of district. The fall brochure is out. Most programming is still on hold due to Covid. We have individuals competing in volleyball, bowling, and flag football for Special Olympics. The Marigold Festival sand volleyball fundraiser had 11 teams and normally there are 20-22. We are still selling ducks for our digital duck race fundraiser. Grand prize is a 65" television. Rental Revenue is up - \$3,977.50. We are starting to see an increase in participants. Numbers are at 219 and we were at 266 pre-covid. Goals noted for the year are as follows: purchase 80 new chairs and a cart for tables and chair storage, bring back the sports banquet, have a golf team, increase days for the Friday "hang out" program, live band fundraiser December 11th at 1st Baptist Church, and continue with magnet fishing. It was also noted that Fondulac Park District will increase their contribution \$2,500 per year to 2025 and then will pay \$85,000 annually.

11. Pekin Park Foundation Report:

Commissioner Gillis reported Pekin Park Foundation met at 4 pm Monday, October 18. After approval of September Minutes and October Treasurer's Report and approval of bills, single topic of discussion was looking at options for change of Foundation logo and editing of website copy. The board undertook a lengthy brainstorming session with Beth Geier of McDaniels Marketing. After much discussion, it is believed that we created a good framework for her to build upon. She will bring additional ideas and options to consider at our next meeting. Also, the Harmon Family was very appreciative that the park has offered to plant a tree in memory of long-time Commissioner Bill Harmon. They will consider possible sites and respond to Commissioner Gillis with their possible choices.

12. Commissioner Comments: None

13. Unfinished Business:

1. Strategic Plan discussion – Item removed from Agenda

14. New Business:

1. Approval of a 60-month Lease with Toro for equipment for Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Courses –

Cameron Bettin noted that in the 2022 budget Equipment R & M has been reduced due to the new equipment. He also noted that Greg Funk had received an updated lease payment that has been reduced.

Move to approve a 60-month Lease with Toro for equipment for Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Courses with a monthly payment of \$17,293.81.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

2. Approval of the bids received for the purchase of pesticides for Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Courses, Mineral Springs Park, and Pekin Sports Complex -

Greg Funk, Superintendent of Golf reviewed the bids received. He noted that the purchase of pesticides was done annually at this time to take advantage of rebates offered. He reviewed his memo sent as his recommendation on bid award.

Move to approve the bids received from Winfield United in the amount of \$97,669.50, from VanDiest in the amount of \$3,195.00, and from Helena in the amount of \$3,742.50 for the purchase of Syngenta Products for Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Courses, Mineral Springs Park and Pekin Sports Complex.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

Move to approve the bids received from Site One in the amount of \$8,270.00 for the purchase of Bayer Products for Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Course, Mineral Springs Park and Pekin Sports Complex.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

3. Discussion and approval of playground equipment for Kiwanis Park North and Southside Business Association Park –

Cameron Bettin noted that in February of 2021 surveys were sent to residents in the areas of Kiwanis Park North and Southside Business Association Park. He also noted that for the last several years Gametime has offered a Grant Program. He indicated that if we spend \$150,000 we would gain \$75,000. SSBA park is smaller with several other parks in the area and \$50,000 would be spent on

play structure equipment. Kiwanis Park North will move to Parish Avenue and \$100,000 will be spent on the play structure. The purchase of the equipment will go through Sourcewell. Installation will take place in late spring/early summer and if approved he will move forward with ordering equipment.

Move to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment for Kiwanis Park North and Southside Business Association Park.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

15. 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: Paula Helm

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:59 p.m.

2. Move to Reconvene in Open Session.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Gary Gillis

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

Time: 7:16 p.m.

3. Action of Executive Session – None taken.

16. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Paula Helm

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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