

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8, 2021
At the 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 to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

The following Commissioners were present: Marv Brown, Kyle Cain, Gary Gillis, Paula Helm, Sue McMillan, and Greg Ranney. Commissioner Kristen Walraven was absent. Also in attendance was: Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf (arrived 6:18 p.m.); Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks, Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator, Luke VonDerHeide, Chief of Park Police; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation and Chip Hill, Asst. Board Secretary/Business Manager. Staff absent was Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst to the Executive Director and Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager.

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

None. New business item #4 was moved up to #1.

4. Comments from the public: None.

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of the June 24, 2021 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the Bills and Payroll for 6/22/21 thru 7/06/21 in the amount of \$223,351.54.
- C. Approval of bills to be paid 7/9/21 in the amount of \$46,988.66.

Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

6. Move to pass all items of business listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.

Motion: Paula Helm 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

7. Executive Director's (ED) Report:

The ED reported he was going to hold off distributing a Budget Summary Report until the August 12th meeting.

The ED met with Hanson Engineering and discussed plans for Court Street renovation. The following points were made: renovation begins in 2024, road will shift towards Mineral Springs Park, trees will need to be trimmed or removed, marquee and Mineral Springs Park signs will need to be moved, and may want to use detention area by DragonLand for more water detention. It was also reported that the City of Pekin did get a grant for a path along Stadium Drive that will connect to the Pekin Bike Trail.

The ED and Supt. of Parks met with the caretaker of Mosiman's property to allow the park district access to McNaughton Park.

The ED met with Byron Paulson regarding Soldwedel Trust Property. They also met with new homeowners about a pond issue. Homeowners want to fix pond and would need to remove some trees on park district property.

8. Staff Reports:

Scott Clausen, Supt. of Parks reported delivery of the irrigation control panel for the Pekin Sports Complex has been delayed, the awning repair of the Robert N. Blackwell Administration Building is almost complete, and grinding of some sidewalks in Mineral Springs Park is underway.

9. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner McMillan thanked Scott Clausen for checking on the Pekin Sports Complex scoreboards and fixing the problem.

Commissioner Cain asked about the status of the Showmobile. The ED reported that it is out of commission for good. She noted maybe the City, Chamber & Park can all go in on a new one.

10. Unfinished Business:

Discussion regarding future plans for the Pekin Sports Complex –

The ED reported he met with Amy Wilson to discuss concepts/proposals. He asked board members for suggestions. Ideas that were noted are as follows: build a Recreation Center, on the 16-acre parcel construct soccer/Lacrosse fields and parking, lights for fields, walking path, and dog park.

11. New Business:

1. Approval of the renewal quotation received from IPARKS for a period of six months -

Move to approve the renewal quotation received from IPARKS for a period of six months in the amount of \$85,169 for Liability, Property, & Inland Marine coverage.

Motion: Paula Helm 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

2. Approval of the renewal quotation received for IPRF for a period of six months –

Move to approve the renewal quotation received from IPRF for a period of six months in the amount of \$43,487 for Workers' Compensation coverage.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Gary Gillis

3. Approval of the renewal quotation received from Beazley for a period of six months -

Approval of the renewal quotation received from Beazley for a period of six months in the amount of \$1,861 for Cyber coverage.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Paula Helm

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

4. Discussion regarding a potential Change Order for the OSLAD Grant Tennis Court Project in Mineral Springs Park –

Amy Wilson of the Farnsworth Group presented two options for the OSLAD Grant Tennis Court Change Order. After discussion, Option B was selected at an amount not to exceed \$32,857.

Move to approve Option B Change Order in an amount not to exceed \$32,857.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

5. Strategic Plan Update –

The ED noted he would review the current plan at the July 22nd meeting and that he hoped to have the final draft done by the end of the year.

12. 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 and land acquisition.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried Time: 7:12 p.m.

2. Move to reconvene into Open Session.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried Time: 7:29 p.m.

3. Action on Executive Session –

Move to approve an employee's request to gift 80 hours (10 days) of accumulated sick days to an employee due to the numerous days of leave of absence for a serious health condition.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

13. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 7 :31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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