

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2021  
At the 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, Paula Helm, Greg Ranney and Kristen Walraven. Absent was Commissioner Sue McMillan. Also in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Assistant to the Executive Director; Michael Seghetti, Park District Attorney; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks (audio attendance); Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Luke VonDerHeide, Chief of Police/Ranger Division; Chip Hill, Business Manager and Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager. Press was not in attendance.

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

None.

4. Motion to open the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$2,200,00 general Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds 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 District and the payment of the expense incident thereto.,

Move to open the public hearing.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marv Brown

All ayes by voice call vote – motion carried

No one from the public was in attendance. No one had input or questions.

5. Motion to close the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$2,200,00 general Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds 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 District and the payment of the expense incident thereto.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg Ranney

All ayes by voice call vote – motion carried

6. Comments from the public:

None

7. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented -

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2021.
- B. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for August 2021.
- C. Approval of bills paid from 9/8/21 through 9/20/21 in the amount of \$57,875.20
- D. Approval of bills to be paid 9/24/21 in the amount of \$55,044.73

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried.

8. Motion to pass all items of business listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote –

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

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried.

9. Budget Performance Summary Report: August 2021

No report.

10. IRVSRA Representative Report:

Commissioner Ranney stated no meeting – no report.

11. Fair Board Representative Report:

The ED reported they discussed building projects and the purchase of a floor scrubber to be used at Parkside Fitness and the Veterans Memorial Arena. He also reported that the annual fair went well. He noted the next meeting is in November and they will be electing officers and approving their 2022 meeting schedule.

12. Pekin Park Foundation Report:

Commissioner Gillis reported the Pekin Park Foundation met September 20, 2021. The board discussed two proposed renderings provided by McDaniels Marketing as possible new logos for the Foundation. Neither generated much enthusiasm. It was agreed that we would need more renderings with a request to include some facsimile of the pavilion that differs from that in the park district logo. A rewording of some of the text for the website was also submitted by McDaniels Marketing, and board member Val Moehle submitted proposed changes to what was submitted to the board. This marketing process has been ongoing. Beth Geier of McDaniels will be in attendance at our next meeting. He also reported a Proposal was brought forward to have a memorial tree planted in memory of former park district board member and Foundation board member Bill Harmon. It was agreed to go along with the Superintendent of Park's recommendation to determine where they wanted the tree planted first. That location will determine the type of tree that will be chosen. It was agreed that the board Chairman would contact the family for indication of possible planting site. He also reported a rough draft of a possible acknowledgement of Larry Schaumlefel's bequest was shared with the board. It was agreed that it would be distributed to the board for possible further input. A funding request was submitted and approved for \$339.34 for pavilion porch repairs. Cory Proehl, Director of Golf and Greg Funk, Superintendent of Golf submitted two requests of \$80,000 for leasing assistance for Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Courses. Funding would be divided \$40,000 for each course. After considerable discussion it was agreed that funding would be contingent upon the park board approving the Lease Agreement. A motion to move forward with that contingency was approved.

13. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported the following:

- He and Scott Clausen met with District #303 representatives regarding the Agreement between the park district and District #303.
- He and Dori Smith met with McDaniels Marketing regarding the new website. He noted they did some review of the website and commented that it is looking good.
- He took part in a DCEO webinar regarding Rebuild Maintstreets & Downtown Capital Program for a potential Grant for the Riverfront Park. He also noted he is researching a Grant thru Illinois American Water Company & NRPA for the Riverfront Park.
- He participated in six interviews for IPRA Director's search.

- Conducted preliminary budget meetings with staff on big ticket items.
- He continues to serve on the Salvation Army Board.
- He was selected to present a Health & Wellness session at the State Conference in January.
- He and Dori Smith met with a new IPRF representative by Zoom meeting.
- He attended the United Way Kick Off breakfast at the Miller Center.
- He, Scott Clausen and Luke VonDerHeide met with Amy McCoy regarding the Marigold Festival and received many good comments.
- He was present for the Walk for a Ride.
- He indicated the tennis court renovation was complete but that they are trying to resolve a situation of a slight dip/depression. Amy Wilson of the Farnsworth group explained the situation.
- He met with the Pekin Sports Complex property donor. He indicated that his meeting went well but he was not at liberty to discuss details. He did indicate, that at this time, the main focus was for construction of a Recreation Center. Commissioner Cain asked if the focus was still youth. The ED noted that the majority usage would be by youth but that it must serve all in our community.

14. Attorney's Report:

Michael Seghetti reported he had been working with Cameron Bettin in setting up non for profit status for the Pekin Park Concert Band. He also updated By Laws, applied for EIN, and with the help of Chip Hill has their finances set up separate from the park district.

15. Staff Reports:

Dori Smith reminded all that the October 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting would be held at Lick Creek Golf Course and she also mentioned that in November and December meetings change to the first and third Thursday's of the month.

16. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Cain thanked Shawn Powers for use of the Dragon Boat for a Marigold Festival event.

Commissioner Helm commented that the Miller Center looks very nice.

Commissioner Gillis noted that Mineral Springs Park served as a show case for the Marigold Festival and commented how successful it was.

Commissioner Ranney noted it was an outstanding weekend. He noted he received many good comments regarding the park's restrooms and not so good comments on the porta potties that were rented by the Marigold Committee.

Commissioner Walraven asked if the City sold some land near the Pekin Sports Complex to someone wanting to establish a marijuana facility. Amy Wilson indicated that she also serves on the City of Pekin Planning Commission and she stated yes, a 53-acre facility. She indicated it will be a growing facility with a dispensary. She also noted that it will be located on the south side of Hanna Drive and will be more than 400' from the Sports Complex.

17. Unfinished Business: None

18. New Business:

1. Approval of the bid received for Mineral Springs Park Lagoon Pavement Reno/Restroom Sidewalk Project, as part of the OSLAD Grant projects -

Move to approve the low bid received from Otto Baum Co., Inc. considering all alternate deductions and additions, resulting in a total amount of \$168,436.00.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg Ranney  
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

19. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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