

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022  
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 the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call:

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

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

The Executive Director asked that the Strategic Plan discussion be tabled until 3/17/22.

Move to table the Strategic Plan update and discussion until the March 17, 2022 meeting.

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

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

4. Comments from the public:

1. Presentation of the 2021 Pekin Marigold Festival park gift by Amy McCoy, Executive Director, Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, and request for permission to use the park facilities for the 2022 Festival

Amy McCoy introduced Josh Hafliger, 2021 Festival Chairperson and Brandon Burling 2022 Festival Chairperson. She also thanked the park district for all the hard work employees go through for the festival and the long time partnership. Mr. Hafliger thanked everyone for a great 2021 Festival and presented a \$12,000 gift.

Mr. Burling stated he was honored as a former employee to serve as the Chairperson for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Marigold Festival. In tradition, he asked for permission to use park facility for the 2022 Marigold Festival. Commissioner Ranney moved to grant permission to use the park facilities for the 2022 Festival. Commissioner Gillis seconded the motion. Upon a voice call vote, all ayes – motion carried.

2. Presentation by Vikings Hockey Club –

Bo Cheesman noted that he was here per Cameron's request to review his Business Outline and building plans. (Sent in meeting packets). He passed out an additional document titled 2023-2024 Sample Season. He indicated that he had had a few meetings with Cameron Bettin and Shawn Powers regarding his request for the Vikings Hockey Club. He introduced Casey Baldovin of Baldovin Construction Co. whose company is responsible for the design plans and he reviewed the proposed plans. The addition would be a structural steel building to tie in with the look of the current building. Cameron Bettin indicated the next step is to talk with the Fair Board March 15<sup>th</sup> to see if they agree with the proposed addition. Commissioner Walraven asked about accessibility for the sled hockey group. Shawn Powers noted he met with the group before Covid regarding accessibility. Commissioner Ranney asked Shawn what his thoughts were regarding the addition. Shawn indicated he was good with the project now that the interior was modular. He also stated it was important to him to keep the barn look of the exterior building. Cameron Bettin noted that Shawn was still working through a cost analysis for utilities, operations and additional employees, etc.

6. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2022 (2/17/2022 mtg was cancelled – no Minutes)
- B. Approval of the January 2022 Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of the bills and payroll for 2/1/2021 thru 2/11/2022 in the amount of \$68,723.79. Approval of bills and payroll for 2/12/2022 thru 2/28/22 in the amount of \$70,448.75
- D. Approval of bills to be paid 2/22/2022 in the amount of \$10,268.92. Approval of bills to be paid 3/4/2022 in the amount of \$43,577.82

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Cain  
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: Greg Ranney 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paula Helm  
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

7. Executive Director's (ED) Report:

The ED reported PCSA would not be holding a May tournament at the Pekin Sports Complex.

The ED reported he would be meeting with Dr. Danielle Owens to discuss The student parking problem in the Arena parking lot.

The ED reported the dragon slide has been removed from DragonLand. He indicated the head of the dragon was saved.

The ED reported the basketball courts opened yesterday and noted garbage was everywhere and there were parking problems. He indicated it may be time to designate the parking lot "Parkside Fitness Members Only".

8. Staff Reports:

Luke VonDerHeide reported he issued 41 tickets on 2/9 for green dot parking in the Arena lot. He noted that drivers of 29 vehicles made an attempt to hide their parking passes. He also noted that it was extremely time consuming.

Cory Proehl reported Parkview Golf Course would open March 4<sup>th</sup> and would allow carts to go out.

Dori Smith noted she would be happy to file Economic Interest Statements for those that would like for her to.

9. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Ranney thanked Alisha Dault for working with TCRC.

Commissioner Gillis asked for an assessment of the roads in Mineral Springs Park as winter ends. Scott Clausen indicated he purchased 92 bags of cold patch and had already put down 49 bags. He noted that DragonLand and the bathroom project had kept them pretty busy.

10. Unfinished Business:

1. Strategic Plan – update and discussion  
Tabled until 3/17/22

11. New Business:

1. Annual Abatement Ordinance, Series 2020A Alternate Bonds –

Move to approve Ordinance 22-2 “An Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2021 to pay the principal of and interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020A, of the Pekin Park District, Tazewell and Peoria Counties, Illinois.

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

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

2. Discussion regarding Soldwedel Program Center –

Cameron Bettin reminded commissioners that Soldwedel Program Center was not being programmed or rented. He indicated that some utility services had been disconnected. He stated that he had Dori Smith meet Trent Reise, Fire Chief to discuss a managed burn for training purposes. Dori Smith indicated that Fire Chief Reise indicated he felt it could be done but not without challenges with permitting from IEPA.

12. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dori Smith, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
Pekin Park District

