

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**T**he Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant the Park District received in 2020 is nearing completion. Projects done to date include Phase I of the Skate Park, the renovation of the tennis courts off Recreation Drive, the replacement of the playground, the renovation of the fishing piers, replacement of the concrete patio area south of the Pavilion, and the replacement of the boat dock. Projects that are still under construction and will be completed this spring include the repairs to sections of the Lagoon walks, and the construction of the new restroom near the Park Police Headquarters.

Other projects of note that will be occurring this spring include the repair and painting of DragonLand Water Park's pool basin, and installation of the new playgrounds at Southside Business Association Park and Kiwanis Park North.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Pekin Park Foundation for some assistance they have provided to the Park District the last few years. They dedicated some funds to the Park District for the following needs:

- Purchase of new Park Police vehicles
- Purchase of new exercise/workout equipment at Parkside Fitness
- Leasing of maintenance equipment for Lick Creek and Parkview golf courses
- Repairs and renovations to the Pavilion porch
- Purchase and installation of new dasher boards for the Veterans Memorial Arena. A special shout-out also needs to be made to Dustin Maquet and the Pekin Amateur Hockey Association (PAHA) folks that raised over \$58,956 in a few short months in order for the Park Foundation and Park District to actually move forward with this project. Also, a special thank you needs to go to all the individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, etc. that donated to support the project and help us see it come to fruition.
  - Pacific Ethanol, Carpenters Union, Fort Toyota and PAHA
  - ECS, Inc., Pekin Insurance, IBEW Local #34 and Steger's Furniture
  - Pekin Hockey Alumni
  - All those individuals and businesses that donated through the RailHouse Golf Outing

Again, thank you to all those involved with getting these new dasher boards purchased and installed. It would not have happened without your support.

For more information on the Pekin Park Foundation, please see page 6 or visit [www.pekinparkfoundation.org](http://www.pekinparkfoundation.org).

*Respectfully,*  
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