

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 2,2022
Mineral Springs Park, Robert N. Blackwell Building
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

President Cain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Assistant to the Executive Director; Mike Seghetti, Park District Attorney; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Chip Hill, Business Manager; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Steve Fitzanko, Interim Chief of Park Police and Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communications. Staff absent was Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator.

3. Additions to and/or Deletions from the Agenda, if any: None

4. Comments from the public:

No one from the public was in attendance.

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of the May 19, 2022 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 5/17/22 thru 5/31/22 in the amount of \$94,946.50
- C. Approval of bills to be paid 6/3/22 in the amount of \$68,569.74

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown

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: Paula Helm 2nd: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. IRVSRA Representative Report: Commissioner Ranney stated no report.

7. Fair Board Representative Report:

Commissioner McMillan reported the following: Dennis Hilst (Fair Board Rep) was killed in a 5/22/22 motorcycle accident; Discussion took place regarding Livestock Review Building gutters and drainage. Scott Clausen was approved to go forward with gutter replacement; discussed and approved scraping the Wenger Showmobile; discussed fair entries and how they would present this year; Discussed concerns with Avian bird flu and the Dog Show might not happen in the Cultural Exhibits Building.

8. Park Foundation Representative Report:

Commissioner Gillis reported the following: Park Foundation met 5/16/22; re-elected the past slate of officers (Gary Gillis, President; Scott Kriegsmann, Vice President; Dennis Green, Secretary; and reappointed Chip Hill as Treasurer). He also reported he shared with the Park Board the Terra Engineering proposal and cost possibilities for the Park Fountain Project. He reported that the board took a neutral position having no information on proposed design concept or projected costs. It was also shared that the Fountain Project was not a high priority at this time. He reported the Park Foundation voted to approach the project in stages by funding the \$15,000 study of the viability of the current fountain vault and adaptability of the surrounding topography. He indicated that it would place the Park Foundation in a good position if the Carle Group buys Pekin Hospital and makes a donation for the fountain. He indicated, if that doesn't happen then the Foundation will likely move forward with a Capital Campaign.

9. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported he received a screen shot on 5/27/22 from President Cain regarding Coal Miners' Park bridges. He read the text. He noted he replied and said he'd discuss at the 6/2 meeting. There is still concern over the slipperiness of the bridges. It was noted that signs are up and possible remedies were discussed.

The ED reported he would like to pay for the DragonLand Pool Coating Rehabilitation Project with Replacement Tax money received.

The ED reported two more pieces of equipment for the golf courses are expected to be delivered in a couple of weeks. He noted Mike Seghetti would need to prepare an opinion letter and the Lease would be on the June 16th agenda for approval.

The ED reported the new Mineral Springs Park restrooms were expected to be delivered on June 8th. He also noted that Pavilion Drive would be closed until the restrooms were in place.

The ED reported the park district received a \$500 donation from the Model Railroad Club.

The ED and Scott Clausen met with Burling Excavation regarding the Livestock Review Building drainage issues.

The ED and Scott Clausen met with a representative from Vortex Manufacturing and MSA Engineering regarding the splashpad at the Riverfront Park.

The ED, Dori Smith and Casey Smith met with Beth Reusch, Vice President of sales of Discover Peoria CVB regarding working together and getting the word out on park facilities. We are interested in receiving RFP's they receive from those wanting to do events, tournaments, etc. in our region.

The ED reported the Tri County Tennis Committee made the decision to host their event at Morton High School and River City Racquet Club.

10. Staff Reports:

Shawn Powers reported DragonLand was up and running. He indicated the newly hired aquatics manager (Mason Carr) was doing a great job. He also noted that Boats and Mini Golf were also up and running. He also indicated that his staffing situation was much better and has things covered.

Cory Proehl reported he had a meeting next week to get the gaming up and going at the golf courses.

11. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis commented he would be providing a 400-word article to Wayne Otterbach for the next IPRA/IAPD magazine issue or an Eblast IAPD sends out regarding the newly constructed greenhouse. He also noted that he would be interviewing Cameron Bettin next Wednesday for the What's the Story Pekin Podcast.

Commissioner Cain commented on a bit of trivia about DragonLand. She noted when she worked there, there were 52 employees and the annual operating cost was \$186,000.

Commissioner Ranney commented that he and Commissioner Brown went for a ride and visited Blenkiron Park, Railsplitters Park, SSBA Park, Pekin Sports Complex, Kiwanis Park South and North, Mineral Springs Park, Riverfront Park, Miller Park, Rotary Park, Willow Park, and McNaughton Park. He provided a list to Cameron Bettin and Scott Clausen of the parks they visited that had comments on the parks.

12. Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion regarding allowing alcohol in certain park district facilities and amending Ordinance 16-5 –

Mike Seghetti noted that the Ordinance amending Ordinance 16-5 includes everything discussed at a previous meeting. He noted if alcohol is to be served at rentals, then the renter will need to apply for a supplemental permit. He also noted a sliding fee schedule. He stated he used rental agreements obtained from Peoria, Morton, and Urbana as examples. Some concerns were noted; pricing ourselves out of rentals,

parameters and defining areas. Mike Seghetti is to work on defined areas and work out more details on pricing.

13. New Business:

1. Review and discussion of the Veterans Memorial Arena License Agreement between the Pekin Park District and Vikings Hockey organization -

Mike Seghetti noted that the License Agreement is the first draft and reviewed the Agreement. He noted the Agreement was based upon discussion between himself, Cameron Bettin and Shawn Powers and getting what the park district wants. He indicated the next step is to send it to the Vikings Group for review.

14. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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