



PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of
The Regular Board Meeting of Park Commissioners and Park Tour
9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024
Robert N. Blackwell Admin Building
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order. President Ranney called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call.

The following Commissioners were present: Mike Dralle, Greg Ranney, Kristen Walraven, Gary Gillis, Kyle Cain (arrived at 9:06 a.m.), and Steve Sours. Commissioners absent were: Sue McMillan. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Chip Hill, Business Manager/ Assistant Board Secretary; and Cory Proehl, Director of Golf.

4. Additions to and/or deletions from the agenda, if any. None
5. Public Input: None
6. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024.
 - B. Approval of the February Treasurer's Report.
 - C. Approval of the bills and payroll for 3/19/24 thru 4/1/24 in the amount of \$54,801.22.
 - D. Approval of bills to paid 4/5/24 in the amount of \$90,241.43.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or to accept all items in the Consent Agenda except the item withdrawn.

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented:

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Mike Dralle.
All ayes by a voice call vote- Motion carried.

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

Move to pass the business items listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote:

Motion Kristen Walraven; Second Steve Sours.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business:

- A. Discussion on changing the age in both Ordinance 09-04, An Ordinance Providing for the Sale of Beer and Wine at Lick Creek and Parkview Golf Courses, and the Golf Courses Standard Operating Procedures For Sale/Use of Beer & Wine, to allow employees between the ages of 18 and 21 to serve alcohol working the beverage carts only at Lick Creek and Parkview Golf Courses.

The ED went over changes to the ordinance and operating procedures. The main purpose is to give us a better opportunity to get the beverage cart out on the golf course during outings or when very busy.

Commissioner Ranney asked the Director of Golf if he foresees any issues from parents of employees between this age serving? The Director of Golf explained the need and did not see any issues.

Commissioner Ranney mentioned that he and the ED met with the City Manager about the new ordinance.

The Director of Golf mentioned that everybody goes through the Basset training and will be certified. Commissioner Dralle asked if we pay for the training? Yes, we do.

Commissioner Walraven asked if this change was just for Lick Creek? The Director of Golf indicated that the majority of the time, the need will be for Lick Creek, but there will be a few times where it might be needed at Parkview.

- B. Approval of Ordinance No. 24-3: An Ordinance Amending and Restating Pekin Park District Ordinance No.09-04, Providing for the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor at Lick Creek and Parkview Golf Courses.

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kristen Walraven.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

C. Approval of Pekin Park District Golf Course's Standard Operating Procedures for Sale/Use of Alcoholic Liquor.

Motion Kristen Walraven with the noted change under Section VI. Staffing, item D, changing the age from 18 to 21 years of age; Second Gary Gillis.

All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

9. New Business:

A. Review of the bids for the Mineral Springs Park Central Redbud and Dragon Drive Reconstruction Project, and recommendation on the project section/bid to approve.

The ED introduced Nate Parrott from Midwest Engineering. Nate reviewed the project phases, the bids and discussions with the low bidder. The low bid was UCM at 1.192 million dollars. The other bids were 1.38 and 1.47 million. The ED explained the pros and cons of doing the phase 2 option first, then doing the phase 1. Phase 2 would be done in the fall after the Marigold Festival and completed by the end of the year. Payout to the contractor would occur in FY 2025. The cost would be \$590,000. Phase 1 then would be incorporated into the Arena parking lot project when that is planned and bid out.

Commissioner Cain asked if we would be doing the Arena parking lot in 2025? The ED said hopefully. Depends on budget and logistics of when can get done. That lot will be a challenge with graduation, 4th of July fireworks, Marigold Festival and football season.

Commissioner Cain asked which phase has the DragonLand drop-off? Phase 2.

Commissioner Dralle asked which phase could be done by June 28? Phase 1.

Commissioner Walraven asked that if we did phase 2 first, would the flooding be worse? The ED indicated that doing phase 2 first really would not change that, it would still occur for now, though with the detention basins getting done that could possible help the situation sometimes since the water is already overflowing the curbs to that area.

Commissioner Cain asked if we could do it all now finance wise? The ED indicated that with the cost of the Parkside locker rooms project still an unknown, and other projects occurring such as the splash pad, it

would be difficult. Doing phase 2 and paying it out in FY 2025 does work.

Commissioner Cain asked that if we approved both phases to be done this year, would the contractor be willing to be paid for 25% of phase one in FY 2024 and the remainder in FY 2025 along with phase 2? Nate Parrott said he would run this by the contractor to see if they are willing to work with us more.

Commissioner Walraven asked if we just did phase 2 first, is the time the same? Yes, it is.

Commissioner Sours asked if we would rebid in the Fall for next year's work? The ED said yes, we could.

Commissioner Gillis asked financially, are cost overruns going to hurt us in the future? Should we consider cutting things? The ED said that we just don't know what the future brings. This project is a good example. Based on current bids of other projects MWE did, we were not expecting the bids to come in as high as they did.

Commissioner Sours asked if bidding in the Fall was better (cheaper/lower prices). Nate Parrott indicated that sometimes it is, but that is not always the case.

Commissioner Dralle asked if waiting until the 18th to approve will effect getting the work done before the 4th of July. Nate Parrott indicated that it should not.

10. Tour of parks and facilities:

Parkside Fitness – Locker rooms project. The ED reviewed the locker rooms project with the Park Board inside the facility.

Arena – New front desk. The ED apologized for the Arena not being opened but pointed out the new front counter/desk area in the lobby that could be seen from the outside.

Lick Creek Golf Course – Clubhouse and sand traps. The ED, along with the Director of Golf, reviewed the new flooring and windows that were done at the Clubhouse and pointed out the new traps on the golf course.

Rotary Park – OSLAD Grant project. The ED reviewed the OSLAD Grant project that will begin hopefully later this year.

Willow Park – New playground. In addition to the new playground, the ED pointed out the new boards on the roller rink and walk to make it accessible, the new benches throughout the park, and that the fence replacement still needs to be budgeted and the plan is to do that next year.

Riverside Park – Splash pad project. The ED reviewed the splash pad project that is to occur this Spring.

Blenkiron Park – New playground. In addition to the new playground, the ED pointed out the new walk to make the drinking fountain, shelter and playground accessible. He also indicated that new benches around the playground are yet to be installed.

Coal Miners Park – New parking lot. The ED reviewed the new parking lot District 303 completed last year that the Park District shared cost of.

On the tour Commissioner Walraven asked if we ever thought of doing ribbon cuttings when a project is done? The ED said they used to do that, but have not in a long time and he admitted that he just does not think of doing that. The thought is to try and do that for the Rotary Park OSLAD project and the new splash pad project when those get completed.

11. Adjourn.

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Greg Ranney.
All ayes by a voice call vote – Motion carried.
Time: 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Chip Hill
Assistant Board Secretary
Pekin Park District