

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2022
Mineral Springs Park - Robert N. Blackwell Administration 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 to recite 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/Asst. to the Executive Director; Michael Seghetti, Park District Attorney; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Chip Hill, Business Manager; Steve Fitzanko, Interim Chief of Park Police; and Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator (arrived 6:58 p.m.). Staff absent was; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communications and Keith Knox, Parkside Athletics Manager.

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 June 2, 2022 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the May 2022 Treasurer's Report.
- C. Approval of the Bills and Payroll for 06/01/22 thru 06/13/22 in the amount of \$\$58,212.74.
- D. Approval of Bills to be paid 06/17/22 in the amount of \$51,024.10

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

6. Motion to pass the items of business listed in the Consent Agenda:

Move to pass the business items in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote as stated in the meeting agenda.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Paula Helm

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried.

8. IRVSRA Representative Report: No report
9. Fair Board Representative Report: No report
10. Pekin Park Foundation Report: No report – meet next Monday
11. Executive Director's (ED) Report:

The ED reported Keith Knox completed a Youth Mental Health First Aid USA course, which is training to provide initial help to a young person experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. It was also noted that Andrew Richey completed the course in February.

The ED and Keith Knox met with Straight Up Solar. They are putting together information for the park district. He also noted that the park district does not fall under the free category. There is a possibility that something can be done on the north fields of Mineral Springs Park.

The ED reported the new Mineral Springs Park restroom was installed and we are hoping it will be open for the 4th of July.

The ED attended the City's transportation committee on Wednesday, June 8th.

The ED worked with Gary Gillis and did a pod cast on What's the Story Pekin, which is a podcast where stories of what's happening in Pekin are shared.

The ED, Dori Smith, Shawn Powers, and Molly Brian attended a recent Chamber of Commerce breakfast to support Alicia Dault who received their Sunshine Award.

The ED met with Bo Cheeseman regarding an Agreement for use of the Veterans Memorial Arena by the Vikings Hockey group.

The ED and Dori Smith met with the Trent Reeise and Tony Rendleman of the Pekin Fire Dept. Their Agreement for use of the board room as a training room has expired and the meeting was held to discuss the continued relationship. The ED noted that he did ask for financial assistance from the City for help with roads and parking lots due to the

damage done by the heavy fire trucks that are in the park daily. We will work on updating the Agreement.

The ED met with Hannah Martin and Josie Eskers from the City of Pekin to discuss trails. He indicated they are looking at potential connections and other possibilities.

The ED, Dori Smith, Scott Clausen, Steve Fitzanko, and Amy McCoy met to discuss the 4th of July and Marigold Festival. There is a possibility of having a tree carved throughout the festival. Cameron and Scott will check out potential trees and come back to the board to see how they feel.

The ED attended a meeting on June 15th to discuss a request to change the parade route for the Marigold Festival. The Marigold Festival committee would like to bring the parade through the park to give the feeling of a Disney Main Street parade.

The ED, Dori Smith and Scott Clausen met with Midwest Engineers to discuss curbs, roads and parking lots in Mineral Springs Park.

12. Attorney's Report:

Mike Seghetti stated no report – he will refer to items on the agenda.

13. Staff Reports:

Shawn Powers reported he heard from his aunt in Florida that she watched a sound bite where he had been interviewed by a TV station regarding the nationwide shortage of lifeguards. He also reported he had been on an emotional roller coaster ride regarding the delivery of chemicals for DragonLand Water Park. He indicated there was a shortage in tanker truck drivers. He noted, that if he doesn't receive a delivery by noon tomorrow, he will not be able to open DragonLand. He also reported Deb Davis resigned after ten years of employment at the Pekin Sports Complex and other park concessions. He also reported Mason Carr went through his first audit by Ellis and Associates and received a "meets not exceeds" rating. He indicated he had forgotten to remove the dragon slide from the list of amenities and that's why they didn't receive the "exceeds" rating.

Scott Clausen reported he has a crew working on a ramp at the Robert N. Blackwell Administration Building that will meet ADA requirement.

14. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis commented that the library board agenda recognizes employee's years of service by listing them on the agenda and felt that it was a good idea the park district should use. He also mentioned there is an article in the recent IPARKS newsletter regarding best practices for serving alcohol. He also reported he submitted a 440-word article to be published in the IAPD magazine regarding the construction of the greenhouse. He also reported he had interviewed Cameron Bettin for the What's the Story Pekin podcast.

Kyle Cain thanked Shawn Powers for information she requested regarding revenue and trends. She shared some of the facts that Shawn provided.

15. Unfinished Business:

1. Continued discussion regarding allowing alcohol in certain park district facilities –

Commissioner McMillan passed out an informational document before the meeting. She had contacted Peoria Park District, Fox Valley Park District, Bensonville Park District, and Palentine Park District regarding alcohol being served as part of facility rentals. She reviewed her information with the group. Cameron Bettin thanked her for her effort. Commissioner Gillis noted he asked IAPD to do a session on the topic at the next conference. Cameron Bettin reviewed the Facility Rentals with Alcohol document sent in board packets. There were concerns regarding security, refundable damage deposit, and hiring of outside vendors. After discussion Cameron Bettin stated the next step is to get together with Mike Seghetti and tweak the information and come back to the Board.

2. Continued discussion regarding the Vikings Hockey Organization License Agreement –

Cameron Bettin reported he met with Bo Cheeseman Friday, June 10th regarding the License Agreement. He indicated Bo shared that his partners had some concerns regarding additional fees, utilities, Zamboni, etc. Cameron noted he told Bo he felt there was a negotiation period to go through. Cameron asked that he go back and meet with his partners and get back to him. Cameron indicated Bo has not responded to a recent email regarding the group's response to their recent meeting. There was no further discussion.

16. New Business:

1. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the negotiation, execution and delivery of Governmental Lease – Purchase Agreement No. 008-0686144-100 dated June 1, 2022 -

Move to approve a Resolution authorizing the negotiation, execution and delivery of Governmental Lease – Purchase Agreement No. 008-0686144-100 dated June 1, 2022 for Lease/Purchase of two Toro Sand Pro 5040's w/attachments and accessories for use at Parkview & Lick Creek Golf Courses.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

2. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the negotiation, execution and delivery of Governmental Lease – Purchase Agreement No. 008-0686144-101 dated June 1, 2022 -

Move to approve a Resolution authorizing the negotiation, execution and delivery of Governmental Lease Purchase Agreement No. 008-0686144-101 dated June 1, 2022 for Lease/Purchase of a Toro Multi Pro 1750 Sprayer w/attachments for use at Parkview/Lick Creek Golf Courses.
Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Kristen Walraven
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

3. Approval to pay the DragonLand Pool Coating Rehabilitation Project invoice with additional Replacement Tax received over the budgeted amount –

Move to approve paying the DragonLand Pool Coating Rehabilitation Project invoice with additional Replacement Tax received over the budget, in the amount of \$181,102.00 to Jetco Ltd.
Motion Gary Gillis 2nd: Paula Helm
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

17. Closed Session:

1. Move to convene into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, litigation or personal status of employees, officers and legal counsel for the park district and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney Time: 7:18 p.m.
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

2. Move to reconvene into open session.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown Time: 7:44 p.m.
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried
3. Move to approve an employee gifting sick and/or vacation days to another employee per the guidelines in the Employee Handbook.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried
4. Move to approve closed session minutes for February 3, 2022, March 17, 2022, and April 21, 2022.
Motion: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Kyle Cain
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

18. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.
Motion: Paula Helm 2nd: Gary Gillis
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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