

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 4, 2022
At the 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 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 (arrived 6:04 p.m.). Also in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Chip Hill, Business Manager, Alisha Dault (arrived 7:06 p.m.), Miller Center Administrator; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communication; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Park Police; and Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation.

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

4. Comments from the public:

Val Springborn of the Marigold Festival Executive Committee addressed the board with a request for the annual Marigold Festival. She indicated the committee wanted to do something special to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Marigold Festival. She presented the idea of a tree being carved noting the top would be the head of a dragon and the rest would have other carvings specific to Pekin and the Festival. She shared the tree was a Siberian Elm located on Pavilion Road in close proximity to the new restrooms. She also shared specifics of the process and noted the carver would begin the week of September 4th and they would pick a time to dedicate the tree during the festival. Commissioner Gillis made a motion to authorize permission to carve the tree as presented. Commissioner Ranney seconded the motion and upon a voice vote being called, all answered aye. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of July 21, 2022 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of bills paid from 7/19/22 thru 7/29/22 in the amount of \$307,866.61
- C. Approval of bills to be paid 8/5/22 in the amount of \$36,472.07.

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kristen Walraven

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: Marv Brown 2nd: Paula Helm

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

7. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported the following:

- City Coal completed patching of large sections of the Parkside Fitness parking lot and will do some additional patching in the Arena lot and other areas.
- Miller Center experienced a power surge due to a lightning strike that wreaked havoc with phones, internet, copier, AC, etc. We have a \$10,000 deductible and are not sure yet if we will have a claim.
- The 4H Fair began with a power outage and a lot of rain that affected the situation at the LRB.
- He gave an update on the proposed bandshell. He noted they have a proposal in the amount of \$5,500 from The Farnsworth Group for work on the site layout. A \$5,000 donation from the Friends in Harmony group will cover the majority of the expense and a \$500 request by the bandshell committee will be forthcoming to the Park Foundation.
- Met with Mike Seghetti regarding service animals and the Park Foundation 501(a)(c)3. Due to the change in the Foundation's structure not being park heavy we'll need to change. In regards to service animals there have been some incidents arise at the Miller Center in the transportation program. In order to have an animal with you, you will be required to crate your animal.
- The ED is working with Casey Smith on a facility rental application and using an outside source to archive social media.
- Attended a Winter Wonderland meeting on Monday.
- Met with Josh and Eric from the Marigold Festival Committee.
- Senator Koehler's office sent a letter indicating that with the change in districts they will be closing his office in the Miller Center, but will honor their obligation and pay rent through the end of the year.

- The ED, Dori Smith, and Shawn Powers met with Chad Fosnaugh of PepsiCo. PepsiCo is in receipt of the park's letter of cancellation. They are working hard on all issues and making progress quickly.
- The ED received a phone call from Jason Anselment asking if the park district was applying for an OSLAD Grant. He indicated the state has \$56 million and that Pekin, IL is now considered a "distressed community". He made mention of the bandshell as possibility, Phase 2 & 3 of the skatepark, and resurfacing of the tennis courts by Parkside. Commissioner Ranney asked if the fountain would be an idea and he indicated probably.

Commissioner Brown asked about the proposed change to the parade route for the Marigold Festival. The ED replied he, Steve Fitzanko, Chief Dosey, Officer Little and Officer Ranney met with representatives from the festival. He noted no one ever told anyone no, but they did take the request off the table.

8. Staff Reports:

Cory Proehl reported he hosted a CDGA event at Lick Creek Golf Course for the first time in over 50 years.

9. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner McMillan reported she attended the 4H Fair pageant. She stated it was very nice but they only had two participants. She noted the Arena looked very nice, but it was hard to hear. Commissioners Helm and Cain mentioned it was hard to find information on the Fair and wondered why the media doesn't mention the Tazewell County 4H Fair like other fairs in the area.

10. Unfinished Business:

None.

11. New Business:

1. Discussion of Midwest Engineering's proposal for engineering services for a pavement condition study and drainage study at Mineral Springs Park –

Cameron Bettin indicated he had mentioned getting an engineer involved with the infrastructure of Mineral Springs Park. He wants to begin to inventory and map out a plan for lighting, parking lots, curbs, and roads. He noted that we will need the help of professionals. He also noted he would budget for work in 2023 and

begin planning. We have a good opportunity with the amount of Replacement Tax received. He stated that if the board is good with the proposal, he would like to move forward.

Move to approve the proposal received from Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$38,195 for professional services.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

2. Discussion for splash pad options for the Riverfront Park –

Cameron Bettin and Scott Clausen, along with Jason (city rep) met with Water Works International initially and they became non-responsive. Cameron and Scott then met with Vortex. They discussed two options. One being a recirculating system and one non-circulating system. A recirculating system would require a certified pool operator and we would possibly have to add a bather restroom. The cost would range from \$480,000 to \$775,000. The non-circulating system you could just turn the water on by push button, and possibly limit hours of operation and would range from \$200,000 to \$250,000. Cameron Bettin recommends going the route of the non-circulating system. He indicated he would remind the City that OSLAD grant funding was received for the Riverfront Park. It is most desired to have the splash pad operational next summer. The board was ok with the Executive Director moving forward in talks with the City.

12. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Sue McMillan 2nd: Marv Brown

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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