

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 15, 2022
At the 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, Sue McMillan, Greg Ranney and Kristen Walraven. Absent was Commissioner Paula Helm. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Assistant to the Executive Director; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Police/Ranger Division; Chip Hill, Business Manager and Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager and Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communications.

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

6. Comments from the public: No one from the public was in attendance.

1. Public meeting regarding the Pekin Park District proposed 2023 OSLAD Grant application for Mineral Springs Park Improvements Project Phase II –

Cameron Bettin reviewed improvement projects completed for the OSLAD Grant awarded to the Pekin Park District in 2021. He presented the following as improvements for application in the 2023 OSLAD Grant. The 2023 improvement projects included in the grant will be as follows: construction of Phase II and III of the skatepark; resurfacing and repair of two tennis courts including installation of a sidewalk for handicap access from Parkside Fitness; and purchase of pedal boats for rent on the lagoon. He also noted that Pekin has been designated as a distressed community so no matching funds are necessary. The cost of the improvement projects included in the OSLAD Grant application is approximately \$482,902. He asked if anyone had any questions and the following questions/ideas were mentioned:

- Would this be a good time to add another dragon boat to the number of boats being replaced? Yes, it would.
- What about getting roads/parking lots done? We'll do separate from the grant so the new walk is done up against the new parking lot/road.
- What is the amount of money available for development projects? For this cycle \$600,000 with no match required.
- What is the tallest half pipe? 7'
- Are skateboard competitions still being done? Haven't heard or seen of any.
- Is what is chosen for the skatepark most current/popular? We did do a survey of what the users wanted to see as part of the last grant.
- Has outdoor fitness equipment been considered for Mineral Springs Park or should it be considered? We have not planned for it but can be considered for future grant applications. Just need to find the right location.

7. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented -

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2022.
- B. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for August 2022.
- C. Approval of bills paid from 8/30/22 through 9/12/22 in the amount of \$125,710.03
- D. Approval of bills to be paid 9/16/22 in the amount of \$15,280.22

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Marv Brown

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried.

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

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Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried.

10. IRVSRA Representative Report: No report

11. Fair Board Representative Report: No report

12. Pekin Park Foundation Report:

The Foundation held a special meeting on Monday, September 15th to view a presentation by Keven Graham of Terra Engineering. The reason

for the meeting was to assess two options they were provided with the goal of designing a presentation to give to Unity Point Pekin. Our hope is if we proceed, Unity Point might be a major benefactor. It might also be the basis for a public capital campaign. Terra provided concepts and projected prices with two options. The common feature for both is a proposal to raise the level 18 inches. One is a fountain with traditional capabilities and the other a stair-stepped or terraced design. The latter allows for year-round use with the high level of the terrace serving as a platform for a Christmas decoration. The Foundation hopes to determine a final recommendation to present to the Park Board at its September 19 meeting. Gary Gillis and the ED also attended a webinar on conducting a capital campaign.

13. Executive Director's Report: (ED) – No report

14. Attorney's Report: No report

15. Staff Reports:

Cory Proehl reported that everyone required to sign gaming paperwork had done so.

Steve Fitzanko reported the Marigold Festival went well. He indicated there were some attending that went to the hospital to be treated for dehydration, a lady with dementia was temporarily separated from those she attended with and some parents and children needed help finding each other. He also reported investigating a call reporting there may be a meth lab at the stables. He presented a "consent to search" and was welcomed to search the stables. There was no meth lab found. He indicated that there seemed to be a domestic squabble with the individual living in the trailer and that person was asked to vacate the trailer.

16. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis asked if the Employee Handbook changes can be discussed in executive session and the ED answered no, it's not a topic that can be discussed in executive session.

Commissioner Ranney asked if there was any work scheduled for the Pavilion. The ED answered no, not at this time. Scott Clausen indicated some painting was done recently on the window sashes and railings. The ED indicated they would meet and put some numbers together for work that needs to be done.

Kristen Walraven mentioned she attended the Marigold history walk with her parents that Gary Gillis facilitated and thought it was very good.

17. Unfinished Business: None

18. New Business:

1. Review & discussion of Sunken Garden Fountain concepts -

Cameron Bettin noted he, Dori Smith and Scott Clausen had previously met with Terra Engineering and had reviewed several designs and gave input. They then met again with Terra Engineering and the two designs presented were the result. He presented the two concepts. Both concepts include a new sidewalk at the corner of 14th and Court Streets, reworking the plaza/walk space, new landscaping and fountain. It was noted that the Foundation was excited about the project until hearing the cost-both options presented are over 1 million dollars. Commissioner Gillis commented that the mayor attended the Park Foundation's special meeting and indicated there may be some tourism dollars available. He also indicated the Foundation is discussing the possibility of the capital campaign and possibility receiving a donation from the Pekin Unity Point.

19. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Greg Ranney 2nd: Marv Brown

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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