

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2023
At the Mineral Springs Park Robert N. Blackwell Building
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

Vice President Ranney 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: Gary Gillis, Greg Ranney, Sue McMillan and Kristen Walraven. Absent was Kyle Cain, Marv Brown, and Paula Helm. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communication; Chip Hill, Business Manager; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; and Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Park Police. Staff absent were: Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator and Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation.

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

4. Comments from the public:

1. Presentation of the 2022 Pekin Marigold Festival park gift by Charles Robertson, 2023 Pekin Marigold Festival Chairman and Amy McCoy, Executive Director, Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, and request for permission to use the park facilities for the 2023 Festival –

Amy McCoy thanked the board of commissioners for allowing the use of Mineral Springs Park for the 50th Annual Marigold Festival and introduced Charles Robertson, 2023 Marigold Festival Chairman. Mr. Robertson stated it was a distinct honor to be able to serve as 2023 Marigold Festival Chairman and stated he appreciates the partnership with the park district and is thankful for the district's administration and staff. He presented the Park District with a \$12,000 donation check. He also requested use of Mineral Springs Park for the 2023 Annual Marigold Festival from September 7 – 10, 2023.

Move to approve the request received from the Marigold Festival Chairman for use of Mineral Springs Park for the 2024 Annual Marigold Festival.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

A. Approval of February 2, 2023 meeting Minutes.

B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 1/28/23 thru 2/13/23 in the amount of \$119,342.05.

C. Approval of bills to paid 2/17/23 in the amount of \$33,935.67

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: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Illinois River Valley SRA Representative Report: No report

7. Fair Board Representative Report: No report

8. Pekin Park Foundation Report: No report

9. Executive Director's (ED) Report:

The ED reported the park district received a thank you note from Paula Helm and the Fulk family for flowers sent to honor Tony Fulk.

10. Attorney's Report: No report

11. Staff Reports: No report

12. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis commented that currently the yield for the Illinois Park Liquid Asset fund is 4.45% and that funds are pretty readily available. He also noted that he spoke with Bruce Marston; City Manager and they have the same type of funding available to them.

13. Unfinished Business: None.

14. New Business:

1. Discussion regarding the purchase of park property by Illinois American Water Company for the erection of a new water tower –

Cameron Bettin introduced Josh Harken; Senior Project Engineer from Illinois American Water Co. (IAWC) Mr. Harken explained the need to improve the water system on the northside of Pekin. He stated that based on hydraulic modeling done, a new elevated storage tank/water tower has been targeted to provide adequate storage to meet future needs, improve overall system flow and increase emergency capacity. The location identified is near the intersection of Parkway Drive and Velde Drive. He indicated that based on preliminary conversations with Cameron Bettin, it is his understanding that the Park District would be open to the idea of selling a portion of a large parcel north of Lick Creek Golf Course along Parkway Drive. (A layout of the property was provided to commissioners in their packets) Mr. Harken indicated there would be minimal tree removal, construction of a sod farm for the golf course and an area where they could leave clean excavated dirt for the Park District's use. He also noted the water company would be open to the Park Districts logo on the tower along with IAWC. It was also noted that IAWC is open to discussion and negotiation and once preliminary items are agreed to, and if the Park District agrees to move forward, the next step would be to get an appraisal of the proposed property completed so a monetary purchase price can be discussed. Cameron Bettin stated he would like two appraisals done. Mike Seghetti, Park District Attorney stated it's less than three acres, in the public's best interest and that it's a pretty straight forward transaction. After commissioners asked questions and had discussion, they agreed they were willing to consider the request and Cameron Bettin was asked to continue negotiations.

2. Approval of the Proposal received from Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services –

Move to approve the Proposal received from Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$32,050 for Engineering Services for North Redbud Drive and Parkside Fitness Parking Lot Reconstruction Project.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kristen Walraven

3. Approval of the MSA Professional Services Agreement –

Cameron Bettin reported he attended Monday's City Council meeting to be on-hand to answer questions. After answering questions, the city agreed to the splash pad improvements. The City of Pekin and Pekin Park District will share the expense 50/50. The splashpad renovation is scheduled to be under construction this summer.

Move to approve the MSA Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$37,000 for the Riverfront Park Spray Pad Replacement Design.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

4. Approval of Resolution 23-2 -

Move to approve Resolution 23-2 "A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pekin for the Riverfront Park Splash Pad Improvements".

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

5. Approval of the bid for renovation of bunkers at Lick Creek Golf Course –

Move to approve the bid received from Larry Denton in the amount of \$100,300 for renovation of bunkers at Lick Creek Golf Course.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Approval of Ordinance 23-2 –

Move to approve Ordinance 23-2 "An Ordinance Adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Pekin Park District, Tazewell and Peoria Counties, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First (1st) Day of January 2023 and Ending on the Thirty First (31st) Day of December 2023" –

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

15. Closed Session:

1. Move to convene

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried (Time 6:27: p.m.)

2. Move to reconvene in Open Session.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried (Time 6:31 p.m.)

3. Action on Closed Session –

A. Move to approve June 16, 2022 and January 19, 2023 Closed Session Minutes.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

B. Move to approve Minutes to release and not to release as presented in the 2/10/2023 Memo to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

16. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dori Smith, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Pekin Park District