

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023
Mineral Springs Park, Robert N. Blackwell Building
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

President Ranney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

The following Commissioners were present: Kyle Cain, Mike Dralle, Sue McMillan, Greg Ranney, Steve Sours and Kristen Walraven. Commissioner Gary Gillis was absent. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Assistant to the Executive Director; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Chip Hill, Business Manager; Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Park Police and Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communications. Staff absent was Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; and Cory Proehl, Director of Golf.

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. It was noted that some complaints had been received regarding the condition of the soccer fields at the Pekin Sports Complex and it was also noted that Pekin Pride Soccer was complimentary.

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of the May 4, 2023 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 5/16/23 thru 6/5/23 in the amount of \$48,864.19
- C. Approval of bills to be paid 6/2/23 in the amount of \$51,350.06

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Steve Sours

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: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Sue McMillan

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

There were no committee reports. They were done at the May 18th meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report: (ED) None

7. Staff Reports:

Shawn Powers reported there was a problem with the chlorine line at DragonLand today, but it's been repaired and he will open back up tomorrow.

8. Commissioner Comments:

Sue McMillan displayed a painting she had framed and is donating to the Tazewell County Memorial Fair Association for auction at the 4H Fair.

Kyle Cain distributed new name tags that were designed by Casey Smith, made by her students, and purchased by Greg Ranney for the commissioners.

9. Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion regarding the 2023 PARC Grant –

Cameron Bettin gave an update by Power Point presentation regarding the 2023 PARC Grant. He indicated that it's been difficult to get answers from IDNR. He has emailed the grant administrator in the past and received responses, and now is not receiving any response. He presented the idea of demolishing the dilapidated Soldwedel Program Center and replacing it with several improvements/updates for McNaughton Park. He displayed the concept showing the following:

Soldwedel Program Center:

- Paved parking area
- Accessible path
- Log shelter w/metal roof
- Restrooms
- Fire council ring
- Gas grill for rentals only?
- Dempster w/enclosure

McNaughton Turnaround:

- Restrooms
- Shelter to replace teepee style shelter
- Parking stall and accessible path to the restrooms

Delwood Camp Area:

- Shelter to replace existing shelter
- Fire pit?

- Restroom

He indicated utilities were on site and that he is still figuring costs. He did indicate that demolition of Soldwedel Program Center would cost \$87,000 and that is not inclusive of all costs. A public meeting is scheduled for June 8th in the board room and has been posted on the website and Facebook. The grant is due to IDNR by June 15th.

10. New Business:

1. Approval of Resolution 23-11 –

Cameron Bettin stated that a chairperson needed to be named. He indicated that if it was alright with everyone, he would assume the position. He also noted he would put together a meeting schedule. IAPD has also sent notice on a webinar to be conducted on June 27th regarding the Local Government Efficiency Committee.

Move to approve Resolution 23-1 “A Resolution Forming a Committee on Local Government Efficiency”.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Steve Sours

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

11. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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