

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2023
At the Mineral Springs Park Robert N. Blackwell Administration Building
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

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

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

4. Comments from the public: None

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of the July 6, 2023 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the June Treasurer's Report.
- C. Approval of the Bills and Payroll for 07/07/23 thru 07/17/23 in the amount of \$156,902.18
- D. Approval of Bills paid 7/21/23 in the amount of \$95,736.30

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

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 all items of business listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Mike Dralle

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried.

7. IRVSRA Representative Report:

Commissioner Ranney reported the following:

- He indicated that Shelly Chism and Shawna Burnice were doing an excellent job
- Sunshine Camp ends August 11th
- They had some behavioral issues with some of the children who attended summer school. He indicated parents are made aware of our behavior policy. We have assigned seating and broke out the children into more workable group numbers. We have had less issues since summer school is over. Staff is going to talk with District #108. We have had 30 children in camp
- 14 out of 15 children went to state for track
- They have a fundraiser night with the Rivermen coming up

8. Fair Board Representative Report:

Commissioner Sue McMillan reported the following:

- They met July 18, 2023
- They made their annual tour of the Fair ground facilities. She indicated they are hopeful Red Bud Drive and Parkside Fitness parking lot will be open
- They have made \$1,800 in sponsorships to date
- All activities are back this year, including the pageant
- The auction will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. She also indicated she would be presenting the painting she donated for the auction.

9. Pekin Park Foundation Report:

Commissioner Gary Gillis reported no meeting was held. He indicated he and Cameron Bettin attended a Performing Arts Venue meeting with McDaniels Marketing regarding the on-line donation commitment and payment options.

10. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

Cameron Bettin reported the following:

- At the staff meeting, the Health and Wellness Policy we developed with the Illinois Public Health Institute of Tazewell County Health Department and University of Illinois Snap Education Educator was reviewed & discussed.

- He is trying to start up and have regular meetings with Shelly Chism and Shawna Burnice of IRVSRA
- He attended a Bicentennial meeting. He stated it looks like the park district will try to do something for the celebration July 5 or 6, 2024.
- He attended a Performing Arts Venue meeting
- He met with Amy Wilson to discuss the OSLAD Grant application for Rotary Park and what we need to do.
- He indicated he would be applying to IAPD for a recognition award for Gary Gillis for serving 30 years as a park commissioner.
- He asked Mike Seghetti if the meeting could convene in the board room and then take a field trip to the Depot. Mike indicated yes. He indicated the August 3rd meeting would meet as usual and end at the Depot.

11. Attorney's Report: No report

12. Staff Reports:

Shawn Powers reported Pavilion Porch Parties have been very well attended. He had barriers located a little differently to enlarge a shaded area. The next scheduled party is August 25th.

13. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner McMillan indicated she had been contacted by someone about a memorial tree at Lick Creek and indicated she gave them Cameron Bettin's contact information. She also indicated two other individuals contacted about her about the fountain. She stated it smells, the water is green and they are talking about it on Facebook. Cameron Bettin indicated he would send someone over to the fountain to clean it up as soon as possible.

Commissioner Gillis thanked Scott Clausen for the work done recently on the Pavilion. He noted he received a call from someone who was happy with the recent renovation. He also reported he attended an IPARKS meeting yesterday and reported the following: they have experienced the highest number of claims, E-library is very popular, event helper application is popular and have received increased complaints over the sound of pickleball.

14. Unfinished Business: None

15. New Business:

1. Approval of Resolution No. 23-12 –

Move to approve Resolution No. 23-12 “A Resolution approving execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Pekin.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

2. Approval of Resolution No. 23-13 –

Move to approve Resolution No. 23-13 “A Resolution approving Form OS/DOC-3 OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization”.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Steve Sours
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

3. Discussion of the World’s Greatest Sundial and Henry Cakora -

Cameron Bettin stated Henry Cakora passed away. His wife Alice would like to name the Sundial after him. She would like his name on the arm of the Sundial. The Gifting Policy was included in board packet.

Move to approve naming the World’s Greatest Sundial after Henry Cakora.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Greg Ranney
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

4. Strategic Plan Update –

Cameron Bettin indicated he included update information in the board packet and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

16. Closed Session:

1. Move to convene into Closed Session under Sec2(c)(5), the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, and under Sec 2(c)(6), the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried
Time: 6:50 p.m.

2. Move to reconvene into open session.
Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Steve Sours
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried
Time: 7:35 p.m.

17. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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