

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 2023
At the 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 to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

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

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 June 15, 2023 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of the Bills and Payroll for 6/22/23 thru 7/06/23 in the amount of \$
- C. Approval of bills to be paid 7/7/23 in the amount of \$

Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis; 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

6. Move to pass all items of business listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.
Motion: Gary Gillis; 2nd: Kristen Walraven
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried
7. Executive Director's (ED): The ED mentioned that he attended the IAPD Local Government Efficiency Act Webinar on June 27, and that the two residents sitting on the committee will need to take the Open Meetings Act training. The ED mentioned that him and staff held a follow up meeting with Pride Soccer regarding their tournament and they were more than happy with the fields and how everything went, and did not hear any complaints regarding the tournament. The road/parking lot project is behind a little bit because the contractor and Ameren are figuring out why our street lights are not working. Per the ED's written report Commissioner Ranney commented that he attended the first Pavilion Porch Party and he thought it was very nice.
8. Staff Reports: None
9. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Gillis mentioned that he attended an IAPD/IPARKS meeting at the Macomb Park District and they had an interesting position.

Commissioner Dralle brought up that he was approached by an attorney of a property owner who wants to have his property donated, improved and named after his mother when he passes. The ED and other commissioners mentioned that we were approached about this property before and it was discussed in closed session. Commissioner Dralle is to get more information and the ED will place it on the July 20 agenda to be discussed in closed session.

Commissioner Ranney asked about the Depot and the potential of the PCHS Trades Program assisting. The ED said he has not heard anymore since Commissioner Gillis mentioned he had mentioned it to the School Superintendent. There was further discussion on the work that needs to be done and the costs to not only renovate the building but to operate it and maintain it. The ED recommended the Board consider hiring an architect to study the building and make recommendations on what could be done with it. It was mentioned that the Health Department is purchasing the property and building west of the Depot and Pekin Bike Trail.

10. Unfinished Business: None.

11. New Business:

1. Discussion of 2023 IDNR OSLAD Grant Application for Rotary Park Improvements and Farnsworth Group Grant Assistance Proposal.

The ED mentioned he met with Farnsworth Group to discuss putting together a scope of service proposal to assist the Park District in applying for the 2024 OSLAD Grant for Rotary Park. The ED referred to his memo in the Board packet regarding some of the potential project aspects, and then he referred to the Project Service Agreement from Farnsworth Group that he e-mailed to the Board. The ED apologized for not printing and handing out a hard copy at the meeting. The ED said that Farnsworth has assisted the Park District with other grant applications and due to the amount of time the ED spent on the PARC Grant application, he could not do that again without the assistance. The Board agreed and a motion was made to approve the proposal by Farnsworth Group.

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

13. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting. Kyle Cain
Motion: 2nd: Kristen Walraven
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 6 :37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cameron Bettin, Executive Director
For
Dori K. Smith, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Pekin Park District