

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 3, 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, Sue McMillan, Greg Ranney, Steve Sours and Kristen Walraven. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Chip Hill, Business Manager, Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communication; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; and Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation. Staff absent were; Alisha Dault Miller Center Administrator and Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Park Police.

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 July 20, 2023 meeting Minutes.

B. Approval of bills paid from 7/18/23 thru 7/31/23 in the amount of \$175,649.82

C. Approval of bills to be paid 8/4/23 in the amount of \$52,104.24

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

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: Mike Dralle

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Budget Summary Report: (2nd quarter – April, May, & June)

Cameron Bettin asked if anyone had questions on his written report. Steve Sours was curious about a statement made on the Golf Fund being over. Cameron noted it was just the specific line item for fungicides.

7. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported the following:

- He and Scott Clausen met the demolition contractor at the Riverfront Park splash pad. He indicated the demolition would cost \$18,500 and Burling Excavation would be doing the work. They will begin and end the demolition the month of August. He also noted that the Vortex items were ordered. He indicated that project construction could possibly be underway this fall.
- He met with Clean Energy Design Group regarding the potential installation of solar panels on Mineral Springs north property that would serve Parkside Fitness and Veterans Memorial Arena. They discussed a Power Purchase Agreement. He indicated he was also looking at Straight Up Solar, and a Direct Pay Purchase option. The ED also indicated he's had conversations with the park financial adviser and he indicates Bonds aren't callable until 2027. The ED also noted he will probably have Clean Energy come to a meeting in September.
- He and Scott Clausen met with Amy McCoy and Josh Hafliger regarding the Marigold Festival
- He and Scott Clausen did a walk through with MWE for punch list items on the Red Bud Drive and Parkside Fitness parking lot project.
- Parkside Fitness received a thank you note from Good Shephard Lutheran School for a recent donation for their 17th Annual Benefit Auction.
- Parkside Fitness received a Certificate of Appreciation from Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association for a donation in support of their annual Fun Run.

8. Staff Reports: None

9. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis noted that the "Introduction to IPARKS 2023 Program Overview" that was included in the packet is something he helped develop with the IPARKS Board. He also shared an old park banner that someone gave him and a newspaper article commemorating the park's 100-year anniversary.

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business:

1. Discussion regarding the Rotary Park OSLAD Grant application –

Cameron Bettin stated “you probably saw the notification from IAPD, that Pekin Park District is no longer on the distressed community list”. He noted that obviously their criteria has changed. IDNR indicated that if you received a grant in the last 20 years you are not eligible. The park district received a \$400,000 grant in 2020. He also noted there are probably a lot of districts reaching out to IAPD. He recommended against applying for the grant, due to having to come up with funds for the 50/50 match. Commissioner Cain asked if it would be possible to scale back and still apply. Others agreed that the park should move forward with a smaller scale project for Rotary Park.

12. Closed Session:

1. Move to convene into closed session under Sec 2 (c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; Sec 2(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: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:35 p.m.

2. Reconvene into Open Session –

Move to reconvene into open session.

Motion: Steve Sours 2nd: Mike Dralle

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

Time: 7:14 p.m.

13. Site visit to the Depot, along the Pekin Bike Trail south of Broadway Road in Mineral Springs Park, to look at and discuss the condition of the structure –

The Board, Cameron Bettin, Dori Smith and Scott Clausen toured the train depot on Broadway Road to see what condition it was in.

14. Site visit to look at the property on the west side of the Pekin Bike Trail, just west of the Depot –

The Board, Cameron Bettin, Dori Smith and Scott Clausen looked at the property just west of the train depot on Broadway Road. The maintenance crew has been working to clear scrub bush in order to maintain site lines that help keep the homeless off the property. The property was recently purchased by the TCHD.

15. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Mike Dralle 2nd: Steve Sours

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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