

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7, 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 (arrived 7:13 p.m.). Absent was Sue McMillan. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; and Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Police; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communications and Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator. Staff absent was: Chip Hill, Business Manager and Cory Proehl, Director of Golf.

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

4. Public Comments: None

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2023
- B. Approval of July Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of bills paid from 8/15/23 through 9/1/23 in the amount of \$171,493.66
- D. Approval of bills to be paid 9/8/2023 in the amount of \$66,393.12

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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: Steve Sours 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Dralle

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

7. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED asked if anyone had questions regarding his written report. Commissioner Gillis asked if we are going to get copies of the FEMA plan. The ED responded eventually but that it would be awhile. He noted he included the MSP parking lots and detention to relieve flooding as an update for the Park District. Commissioner Gillis also asked about the Cities Master Plan for Bicycle Paths. The ED noted there was a meeting Thursday, but that he would be gone. He indicated he would be in touch with the facilitator for an update. He also noted they were near to finalizing the plan. Commissioner Ranney asked about the solar power discussions he noticed in reports. The ED noted he, Keith Knox, Chip Hill and Casey Smith had all been in meetings regarding solar power. Keith Knox has been communicating with Straight Up Solar and the ED noted he sent a contract for a 20-year agreement to Mike Seghetti for review. He noted he hoped to discuss the contract with the Park's Attorney next week. He also mentioned possibly talking with Jason Anselment of IAPD.

The ED noted he received the Marigold Festival Incident Action Plan from Tony Rendleman of the Fire Department. Steve Fitzanko noted that policies and procedures are in place.

8. Staff Reports:

Alisha Dault passed out information regarding the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Transportation Fundraiser that is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to participate.

9. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Ranney thanked everyone for their hard work this summer and complimented staff and employees on the new Pavilion Porch Parties.

Commissioner Gillis reported he had participated in an IAPD committee Zoom meeting. He noted that installation of electric vehicle charging stations in park districts was a topic. He noted he hoped we could look into the possibility for such stations in the Pekin Park District. He mentioned an app where one could snap a picture and send to the park district for various reasons. He also noted QR codes on buildings for the purpose of learning the history of a building or special feature.

Commissioner Cain commented that she'd seen pictures of the ice rink on Facebook and complimented Shawn Powers on how nice it looks.

10. Unfinished Business:

1. Rotary Park Renovations – OSLAD Grant Application update –

The ED noted that he'd been working with Amy Wilson of the Farnsworth Group. He said they listened to comments made regarding the proposed plan and made some adjustments.

The following are adjustments made to the original presentation:

- Removal of dying trees (2 total)
- Basketball Court Renovation: asphalt crack repair and overlay, 2 new post and backboard systems.
- ADA accessible concrete sidewalks, 5' wide
- ADA accessible ramp at intersection
- ADA accessible ramp with railings to existing shelter
- Add 5' wide sidewalk for ADA access to existing restrooms
- Concrete cornhole set
- 6' bench, 2 total on concrete pads
- 4' black vinyl chain link fence
- Play curb edging to hold engineered wood fiber playground mulch
- Swings 1 2-5 yr. expression swing, and 2 belt swings
- 5–12-year-old play structure with transfer point
- Merry-go-round
- Arch saucer swing
- Concrete sidewalk and driveway removal
- Existing Shelter to remain
- Existing baseball fence backstop to remain

It was noted that if the Park District receives a grant, our share in cost would be \$210,050, but with the Game Time grant would actually be \$173,832. It was noted that the deadline for grant submittal was September 15<sup>th</sup>.

11. New Business: None

12. Closed Session:

1. Move to convene into closed session under Section 120/2. (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; Section 120/2. 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; Section 120/2. (c) (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; Section 120/2. (c) (21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Sours

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried Time: 6:30 p.m.

2. Move to reconvene into open session.  
Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Cain  
All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried Time: 7:28 p.m.
  3. Move to approve the closed session meeting minutes of April 6, May 4, June 15, July 20 and August 3, 2023.  
Motion: Kristen Walraven 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Dralle  
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
  4. Move that the minutes or portions thereof listed in the memo dated September 7, 2023 no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection, and that these minutes are recommended for release.  
Motion: Steve Sours 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Cain  
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
  5. Move that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of the minutes listed in the memo dated September 7, 2023, and that these minutes are not recommended for release.  
Motion: Gary Gillis 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Cain  
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
  6. Discussion of the retirement celebration for the Assistant to the Executive Director and Secretary to the Board of Commissioners – The ED updated the Board on the Retirement Celebration being planned for Dori Smith on Thursday, October 12, from 5 to 8 pm at Lick Creek Golf Course under their tent. The ED also talked about what the Park District and staff are planning to do for Dori and how the Board could participate. Gary Gillis mentioned some ideas on recognizing Dori at an upcoming Park Board meeting.
13. Adjourn:
- Move to adjourn this meeting.  
Motion: Greg Ranney 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Dralle  
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried  
Time: 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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