

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 5, 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, Paula Helm, 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; Chip Hill, Business Manager; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Advertising & Marketing; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf and Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Park Police.

3. Additions to and/or Deletions from the Agenda, if any:

Cameron Bettin indicated Rich Kriegsman notified him that he was not able to attend and that the presentation under Public Comments would not take place. He also noted Rich would like to meet with Bill Flemming and Amy McCoy from the committee to discuss the situation with the committee's desire for partial completion.

4. Public Comments: None

President Ranney called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda removing approval of the meeting Minutes of September 21<sup>st</sup> because they were not ready for approval.

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of bills paid from 9/19/23 through 10/02/23 in the amount of \$405,786.91
- B. Approval of bills to be paid 10/6/23 in the amount of \$53,212.13

Move to accept the Consent Agenda removing approving of the 9/21 meeting Minutes.

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

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

7. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported the following:

- In meeting packets is a revised budget schedule due to Chief of Park Police interviews.
- Started the budget process
- Met w/MWE regarding the next phase for road and parking improvements. Looking at where this year's improvement left off on Red Bud Dr. just pass the Parkside Fitness parking lot south to Dragon Drive, west on Dragon Drive to Coal Car Dr., partial parking lot replacement east adjacent to miniature golf and possibly creating a drop-off/pick-up zone for DragonLand patrons.
- Was not able to attend the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the City's Bike Path Master Plan.
- He, Dori Smith, Chip Hill, Shawn Powers, and Scott Clausen met with the newly elected president of the Pekin Archery Club.

8. Staff Reports: None

9. Commissioner Comments:

Gary Gillis commented that he had attended an IAPD Board Retreat and it was mentioned tool kits had been sent to new commissioners and asked if Mike Dralle and Steve Sours had received theirs. They indicated, yes, they had. He also noted that discussion took place regarding commissioners being paid versus serving as volunteers. He noted the discussion died for lack of interest.

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business:

1. Discussion of Farnsworth Group Project Services Agreement for Parkside fitness Locker Room Renovation –

The ED noted that he was working with Farnsworth Group on updating and necessary repairs of the locker rooms at Parkside Fitness. He indicated tiles are falling off the walls, carpet is bad,

restroom areas do not completely meet ADA guidelines, and saunas needed to be replaced with dry infrared saunas. He noted that he and Keith Knox met with the representatives of the Farnsworth Group regarding an Opinion of Probable Costs per square foot pricing. He indicated they gave Farnsworth a set of plans in case walls needed to be removed. The electric load is being investigated due to the infrared saunas. MWE is checking on the HVAC due to recent mold remediations. He noted they experienced a little sticker shock, because it is more than interior remodels. He also noted that the Farnsworth Group is willing to start working now and not bill until the new budget year.

2. Discussion of Wolf Carbon Solutions CO2 Pipeline and email received from a Peoria Park District Trustee –

The ED asked if all had had a chance to review the email sent by a Peoria Park District Trustee regarding a proposed CO2 pipeline. He stated he really did not know enough yet to fully discuss. He noted he had briefly talked with John Dosey, City Manager who indicated they really have not talked much about either. The ED indicated the proposed pipeline appears to be about a mile away from the Pekin Sports Complex and maybe even closer to the Riverfront Park. Greg Ranney mentioned he had talked with the Superintendent of Rankin School a little bit and he mentioned it sounds like there are not a lot of known regulations yet. The ED stated when he gets a chance, he will try to check it out a little more. Kristen Walraven indicated she attended a Town Hall meeting at Coffee Connection with Travis Weaver. She noted companies are bringing in their own employees to do the pipeline and it's not creating new jobs like they say.

12. Adjourn:  
Move to adjourn this meeting.  
Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Sue McMillan  
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried  
Time: 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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