

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 21, 2023
At the Mineral Springs Park Robert N. Blackwell Administration 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, and Kristen Walraven. Commissioners absent were; Sue McMillan and Steve Sours. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Assistant to the Executive Director; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Police/Ranger Division; Chip Hill, Business Manager and Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing and Communications. Staff absent was Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager

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

4. Comments from the public: None

5. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented -

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2023.
- B. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for August 2023.
- C. Approval of bills paid from 9/2/23 through 9/18/23 in the amount of \$96,988.58
- D. Approval of bills to be paid 9/22/23 in the amount of \$68,037.60

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: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Mike Dralle

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried.

7. IRVSRA Representative Report: No report

8. Fair Board Representative Report:

Cameron Bettin reported they met Tuesday, September 19th. The focus of the meeting was on the Fair. All went very well and Fair Board members were very complimentary of the concessions and how clean the area was. The Fair Board has approximately \$6,700 left for the year and will help with small projects such as installation of an HVAC system in the hallway between Parkside Fitness and the Memorial Arena. He also reported that Joy Schwarting went off the Board and they will have a new member.

9. Pekin Park Foundation Report:

Commissioner Gary Gillis reported the following:

August's meeting information was included in your board packet.

The Foundation approved payment of the bills associated with Larry's Casting Kids totaling \$1500 paid from the established account that was previously funded. This memorial fund for Larry Goodlick now has a low balance. The board agreed to investigate sponsorship- perhaps Bass Pro Shop- or consider Foundation sponsorship,

Bicentennial Committee- ED will update in his report. The Foundation agreed to move forward toward sponsoring the events for the park July 6, 2024- depending on final proposal.

Sunken Garden Fountain- ED reviewed past cost estimate of \$922,808 including a 20% contingency of \$154,000. Discussion ensued and it was decided to consider a Capital Campaign next year after we conduct a Pekin Park Foundation Introductory mass mailing this Fall.

Direct Mail Campaign- it was agreed to purchase a mailing list containing 814 households meeting certain prospect criterion. We will purchase list from McDaniels Marketing; get bids on printing the letters and envelopes; and have PCHS Life Skills do the labeling and placement of stamps.

10. Executive Director's Report: (ED) –

The Ed reported the following:

- He and Scott Clausen attended a meeting regarding the Performance Arts Venue. The Farnsworth work is done. The estimated cost to build the shelter is 1.2 million. The shelter is of

pre-fab construction and will require site work and a concrete base. Engineer's drawings need to be completed. He is going to put the topic on the October 5th board meeting agenda. The Performance Arts Venue fundraising group would like to move forward with construction of the concrete base, while they continue to raise funds for completion of the project. He indicated he came out against that concept at a recent meeting and his opinion was not well received. The ED would like to see all the funds needed come in and then do the project in its entirety.

11. Attorney's Report:

Mike Seghetti reported he was continuing work on the sale of a parcel of park district property to IAWC.

12. Staff Reports:

Alisha Dault passed out information for the Miller Center's 16th Annual Walk for a Ride fundraising event for the Center's transportation program.

Cory Proehl reported just under \$12,000 has been received from gaming machines at Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Courses.

Shawn Powers asked Commissioners who would like to participate in the Winter Wonderland Festival parade.

13. Commissioner Comments:

Kyle Cain thanked Shawn Powers for use of the dragon boat for the Marigold Festival.

Greg Ranney mentioned Gary Gillis recited the entire Gettysburg Address at a recent Rotary Club dinner and Alisha Dault was the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

14. Unfinished Business: None

15. New Business:

1. Discussion of the Park District festivities planned for the City of Pekin Bicentennial Celebration July 5 & 6, 2024 –

The ED indicated the park district was asked to come up with activities for the City's bicentennial celebration July 4 – 7. He noted that decisions still need to be made regarding July 4th fireworks celebration due to construction work in the stadium. He noted that

the Pekin Concert Bard will perform Sunday, July 7th. He stated he attended a recent meeting and reported the park district's preliminary plans. He reported the park's plans are to have a fun day for residents on Saturday, July 6th from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. He mentioned the following: Fun on the Run and other activities for children, a Pavilion Porch Party (5:00 to 9:00 pm) with a band and alcohol served from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., balloon rides on ball diamond #1 and fireworks to end the evening around 9:00 p.m. He noted they investigated drone shows and laser light show, but both are between \$9,000 and \$40,000. They have also discussed \$2.00 discount to DragonLand, Miniature Golf and Boats on the 5th. He again noted that the volunteer Bicentennial group still needs to decide what to do for the July 4th celebration. He noted they have discussed moving to the Avanti's Dome and Pekin Sports Complex. The ED indicated he does not feel the PSC is a good option and that the community will be upset if the holiday celebration is held any day other than the 4th. He also noted that the committee asked about the possibility of the park district hosting a "Free" day in the park. He also reported that the Park Foundation is providing \$14,000 sponsoring the Park District's activities.

16. Closed Session:

1. Move to convene into closed session under Section 120/2 (c)(5) for 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 2.16.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried (time: 6:45 p.m.)

2. Move to reconvene into open session.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried (6:50 p.m.)

3. Move to approve the closed session meeting minutes of September 7, 2023.

Motion: Gary Gillis 2nd: Mike Dralle

All aye by a roll call vote – motion carried

17. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.
Motion: Kyle Cain 2nd: Kristen Walraven
All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried
Time: 6:51p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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