

Pekin Park District
Minutes of
The Regular Board Meeting of Park Commissioners
6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2023
Robert N. Blackwell Admin Building
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order.
President Ranney called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. and all stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call.
The following Commissioners were present: The following Commissioners were present: Mike Dralle, Gary Gillis, Sue McMillan, Greg Ranney, Steve Sours and Kristen Walraven. The following Commissioners were absent: Kyle Cain. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Chip Hill, Business Manager/Assistant Board Secretary; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf. Absent was and Steve Fitzanko, Chief of Park Police.
3. Additions to and/or deletions from the Agenda, if any. None
4. Public Comments: Cameron Bettin introduced Tony Maxison who is the new Pekin Park Police Chief, and that he will be started November 27 work with Park Police Chief Fitzanko for a week. Tony said that he was looking forward to getting started and working with everyone at the District.
5. Presentation: Clean Energy Design Group (CEDG) presentation regarding their energy procurement proposal and solar power purchase agreement to install a solar system on site for the Arena and Parkside Fitness: Steve Smith (in person) and Dan Maloney (on the phone) went over the proposal to install a solar array at the Mineral Springs Park north fields east of the depot. This array is for the Arena and Parkside Fitness. CEDG needs to go back and look at the numbers again since the Park District has switched from Constellation Energy to IGS Energy. Questions asked and answered:
Commissioner Ranney asked if we are storing extra energy? Yes and No. It goes back to Ameren and is resold, and we get the credits.
Commissioner Gillis asked what other Park Districts are using solar? CEDG has not worked with Park Districts and did not have any specific examples.

Commissioner Gillis asked if we looked at mounting on the roofs? We have looked at that and because of the age of the roofs and eventual need for replacement, it was determined that is not the best idea.

Commissioner Ranney would like to see more clarification on the location of the array. It was indicated that this is just conceptual at this point and details will be worked out.

Commissioner Ranney asked if the fence was screened. No, it is not. It is just being figured as a chain link fence at this time.

Commissioner Sours asked if it included upgrades to the electrical. Yes, it does.

Commissioner McMillan asked if the layout could be more squared or parallel with Broadway Street. Yes, it could be and will be looked at when the details are worked out.

Commissioner Walraven asked if it needed to be located in Mineral Springs Park. Yes, it does to be an efficient system.

Commissioner Gillis asked what does contract say about upgrading technology. These types of systems really have not changed a whole lot since they began using them. Any changes to technology would be upgraded as long as it makes financial sense.

Commissioner Gillis indicated that he would like to see Park District examples.

Commissioner Dralle asked how long it would take to get it up and running. Construction would take about 4 weeks, but the total project would take several months because of design, working with Ameren, permitting, etc.

6. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2023
- B. Approval of the October's Treasurer's Report.
- C. Approval of the bills and payroll for 10/31/23 thru 11/13/23 in the amount of \$83,965.02
- D. Approval of the bills to paid 11/17/23 in the amount of \$80,789.08

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or to accept all items in the Consent Agenda except the item withdrawn.

It was noted that some changes to the November 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes need to be reflected and made. One is that Paula Helm is listed under Commissioners present and she should be removed. Also, it should be noted that Kyle Cain and Kristen Walraven called into the last meeting and that should be reflected. And the last item that should be noted is that the time reconvened into open session after closed session was 6:45, not 7:45, and the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:47, not 7:47.

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented and with the noted changes:

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Sue McMillan.

All ayes by a voice call vote- Motion carried.

7. Motion to pass all items of business listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.
Move to pass the business items listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote:
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Steve Sours.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.
8. Illinois River Valley SRA Representative Report: None.
9. Fair Board Representative Report: None. It was asked that this be put on the December 7 agenda because the meeting is on November 21.
10. Pekin Park Foundation Report: None. This will be put on the December 7 agenda as well because their meeting is on November 20.
11. Executive Director's Report: None.
12. Attorney's Report: None:
13. Staff Reports: None.
14. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Walraven mentioned that she was excited to see the sidewalk going in on the east side of the LRB.
15. Unfinished Business: None.
16. New Business:
 1. Presentation of the 2024 Special Populations Fund: Miller Center and Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association (IRVSRA). IRVSRA and Miller Center staff presented their budgets highlighted any major changes to staffing, programming and improvements. Attached is the memo presented and reviewed with the Board. Commissioner Walraven asked if the Miller Center still received money from TCRC. Yes, they get 15% of their sales. Commissioner Ranney mentioned that Kiwanis and Rotary should be asked for more support since they have their lunches at the Miller Center on a recurring basis.
 2. Presentation of the 2023 Tax Levy: Cameron Bettin reviewed the draft of the 2023 Tax Levy with the Board. He indicated that the final draft will be presented for approval at the December 7 meeting, mainly because the County is closed on December 22 and we are closed December 26 and we need to get it filed before then. He also indicated that what is being presented is a draft and there

could be some changes made based on the budgets. There were no questions of the Board.

2. Approval of Resolution 23-16: Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency for Lease Number 990001403-4 between Pekin Park District and PNC Bank, National Association for a ProCore 864.
Move to pass Resolution 23-16:
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Sue McMillan.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.
3. Discussion of the proposed solar power system project and agreement for the Arena and Parkside Fitness.
Cameron Bettin and Michael Seghetti have had several meeting with company working out details of the agreement. It has gone well and they have been receptive to most changes. Cameron asked if there were any questions/concerns with what was presented and talked about earlier in the meeting.
Commissioner Gillis is concerned about the size, etc. He thinks that we should maybe have a public input meeting. Cameron indicated that we could do that.
Commissioner Ranney mentioned that we need to nail down the numbers.
Commissioner Sours asked if we have talked to any other companies/received proposals from another group. Cameron explained the background of when all this started, who the Park District has talked to and how we have gotten to this point. Another proposal has been received, but the numbers are not as good.
Commissioner Ranney asked if the Array could be more towards the burn pile. Cameron indicated that this area is currently used as event parking with ingress/egress from Stadium Drive and it would be more involved to move the parking, but that it can be looked at as a possibility.

17. Closed Session:

1. Move to convene into to closed session under Sec 2 (c)(1), appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance of dismissal of specific employees and Sec 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; Second Kristen Walraven.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried (Time 7:46 p.m.).
2. Move to reconvene into open session.
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Steve Sours
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried (Time 7:50p.m.).

3. Move to approve the November 2, 2023 closed session Minutes.
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Sue McMillan.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

18. Adjourn:
Motion Sue McMillan; Second Kristen Walraven.
All ayes by a voice call vote – Motion carried.
Time: 7:51p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Chip Hill
Assistant Board Secretary
Pekin Park District