



PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of
The Regular Board Meeting of Park Commissioners
6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2024
Robert N. Blackwell Admin Building
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order. President Ranney called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call.
The following Commissioners were present: The following Commissioners were present: Mike Dralle, Gary Gillis, Sue McMillan, Greg Ranney, Kristen Walraven and Kyle Cain. Commissioners absent: Steve Sours. Also, in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Chip Hill, Business Manager/Assistant Board Secretary; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Tony Maxison, Chief of Park Police; Ericka Davis, Superintendent of Human Resources & Risk Management; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; and Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation.
4. Additions to and/or deletions from the Agenda, if any. None.
5. Public Comments: None.
6. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024
 - B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 1/13/2024 thru 1/29/2024 in the amount of \$57,185.43
 - C. Approval of bills to be paid 2/2/2024 in the amount of \$45,124.94

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or to accept all items in the Consent Agenda except the item withdrawn.

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented:
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
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 Mike Dralle; Second Kristen Walraven.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

8. Executive Director's Report: The ED reported that the Park District was awarded the IDNR OSLAD Grant for improvements to Rotary Park in the amount of \$210,500. The ED mentioned that the Parkside Manager received a thank you letter for their in-kind donation to the "Lymphoma Is A Loser!", an Illinois CancerCare Foundation fundraiser.
9. Attorney's Report: None.
10. Staff Reports: None.
11. Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Gillis mentioned that after this year's OSLAD Grant cycle the monies available will be dwindling so it was a good year to apply.

Commissioner Gillis asked whether or not we should continue sending out the Board packets in paper format, and look into sending them electronically, emailing them. The ED said he would look into it.

Commissioner Ranney mentioned that Commissioner Gillis received two awards at the IPRA/IAPD State Conference.

Commissioner Ranney reminded everyone that the IRVSRA Sports Banquet is this Saturday and that tickets are still available.

12. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Discussion of the proposed solar power system project for the Arena and Parkside Fitness.

The ED reminded the Board that the public input meeting is next week, Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Miller Center. The ED and Board discussed the pros and cons list of moving the event parking to the west.

Commissioner McMillan asked what we were sharing with the public at the meeting? The ED indicated costs savings, the proposed project process with CEDG (how we got to where we are now), and the locations.

Commissioner Gillis suggested we consider planting some trees on the east side.

Commissioner Gillis mentioned that he moderated a solar session at conference but it was different than what we are pursuing but still good information.

The ED mentioned that regarding the fence, we do not want to create an area where people can hide.

Commissioner Dralle asked if we have a counter on our website to see how many people are viewing information we put on there? Yes, we do.

Commissioner Cain asked about vandalism and who pays? The ED said that would not be our responsibility to repair or replace. It is CEDG's.

Commissioner Dralle asked if there would be lights installed for the event parking to help people get out of the lot? The ED said at this time there would not be. There are none now.

Commissioner Walraven asked if we could at least post on our website and put on Facebook, the location plan so people can see where we are referring to placing the panels? The ED said we could and will do that.

13. New Business:

- A. Presentation of the 2024 Capital Improvement Projects and update of Budget changes since presented.

The ED reviewed the changes to the budget since presented to the Board by staff. He also reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Projects and mentioned funds are tighter than expected due to receiving less Replacement Tax. The Ed also mentioned that he is still waiting on some estimates for the splash pad install, Parkside locker rooms, and the road paving project. He hopes to have more details for the next meeting so as to determine exactly what can and cannot get done, or what may need to be

done later in the year. Attached is the memo presented and reviewed with the Board.

Commissioner Ranney asked if we need to add cameras for the sports complex? The ED said they are still looking into but will probably be able to do now that we are generating some more revenue by charging non-resident teams to use the fields.

- B. Approval of Resolution 24-2: Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency for Lease Number 99001403-5 between Pekin Park District and PNC Bank, National Association for two (2) Toro Groundsmasters 7210 with Accessories.

Move to approve Resolution 24-2.
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

- C. Approval of Resolution 24-3: Certified Resolution (Governmental Entity) to convey a temporary easement and a permanent easement to the City of Pekin for the construction of the Stadium Drive Trail.

Commissioner Walraven asked if we are losing any parking spots in the Arena lot because of the new trail? The ED indicated that we are losing the entire row along Stadium Drive.

Move to approve Resolution 24-3.
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kristen Walraven.
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

14. Adjourn:

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a voice call vote – Motion carried.
Time: 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Chip Hill
Assistant Board Secretary
Pekin Park District