

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 9, 2018  
At the Mineral Springs Park Robert N. Blackwell Building  
1701 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to Order:

President Gillis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested that everyone stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

The following Commissioners were present: Kristen Walraven, Marv Brown, Kyle Cain, Gary Gillis, and Greg Maloney. Commissioners absent were: Paula Helm and Scott Price. Also in attendance were; Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf, Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Keith Knox, Parkside Athletics Manager; Rich Hallam, Business Operations Manager, Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator and Tom Conlin, Chief of Police/Ranger Division. Press was not in attendance.

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

President Gillis indicated that 7-26-18 Minutes were not available for approval.

4. Comments from the public:

None.

5. Consent Agenda and Approval of the same:

- A. Approval of July 12, 2018 meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of bills paid from 7/21/18 thru 8/6/18 in the amount of \$130,947.98.
- C. Approval of bills to be paid 8/10/18 in the amount of \$23,169.17.

Move to accept the Consent Agenda with the reported corrections.

Motion: Marv Brown<sup>2nd</sup>: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Move to pass all items of business listed in the Consent Agenda by omnibus vote.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Cain

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Budget Summary Report – No Report

7. Executive Director's Report: (ED)

The ED reported that the City's paving contractor is possibly beginning paving August 20<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that he needs to clarify where and when for sure they will begin the paving repairs to Red Bud Drive from Court Street to Dragon Drive.

The ED reported that he talked with Richard Wherry after the last Board Meeting regarding The Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act (Commissioners received information at the meeting). The Act specifies how municipalities may regulate the collocation of small cell antenna installations. The Act will also allow small cell antenna installations to be placed on municipal utility poles of a telecommunication provider's choosing so long as a certain basic standards regarding safety and aesthetics is complied with, regardless of whether the municipality agrees to such placement. He noted that he was just getting the issue out in front of Commissioners. He noted that approval of an Ordinance regarding the Act would be on the next meeting agenda.

8. Staff Reports:

Alisha Dault passed out flyers for an event being held by Ameren Illinois at the Miller Center on August 24<sup>th</sup>. She noted that TCRC would be catering the event and encouraged all to attend.

9. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Cain asked about the status of the skatepark. The ED indicated that it opened and no accidents have been reported. Tom Conlin noted some are wearing helmets. The ED noted that he needed to reach out to those that attended the Public Input meeting held at the Miller Center. Commissioner Cain asked if any funding had been included in the budget for the skatepark. The ED answered only enough for anticipated repairs.

The ED reported that he was still plugging away on finalizing the Strategic Plan.

The ED reported that the 110% Smart Approach meeting had been held in Peoria with approximately 50 employees attending. He noted that unfortunately he was on vacation and would be setting up a time to talk with Jamie from 110%.

President Gillis stated that he would like for the Board to tour facilities and parks. He noted that October might be a good time.

Commissioner Maloney asked what's up with the equipment at Parkside Athletics. Keith Knox explained that currently three recumbent bikes were down and most likely at the end of their life. He noted that parts are very hard to come by and he is gathering options for budget purposes.

10. Unfinished Business:

None.

11. New Business:

1. Consideration of a request received from the Marigold Festival committee seeking permission to decorate the Dirksen Statue –

President Gillis stated that he has changed his thinking since the last meeting and that he was ok with the request. He also stated that he had a conversation with Frank Mackaman of the Dirksen Congressional Center. Others shared that they were still uncomfortable with the idea. There was also concern with potential damage to the statue.

Move to decline the request received from the Marigold Festival Committee.

Motion: Kyle Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marv Brown

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

2. Approval for the Executive Director to appoint the District's Administrative Hearing Officer –

Tom Conlin stated that Thomas P. Higgins was a fair person and that everyone uses him as their Hearing Officer.

Move to approve the Executive Director to appoint Thomas P. Higgins as the Pekin Park District Administrative Hearing Officer for vehicle impounds.

Motion: Marv Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kristen Walraven

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

3. Review of the 2018 – 19 Police Fund Budget –

Tom Conlin presented the 2018-19 Police Fund Budget. He noted that one big change was Police Fines were down due to tickets being written as Ordinance violations which increased Pre-Court Fines. He also noted that another big difference was in the Communications Center Contract line item. He indicated that the Contract had increased \$20,000.

4. Review of the 2018-19 General Fund Budget –

Cameron Bettin indicated that the General Fund Budget was not ready for presentation. He noted that he and Dori Smith have been in budget meetings with staff for two weeks.

12. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn this meeting.

Motion: Kristen Walraven 2nd: Marv Brown

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Time: 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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