

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
9:00 a.m. August 25, 2018  
Robert N. Blackwell Administration Building  
Mineral Springs Park, Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order:

President Gillis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

The following Commissioners were present: Marv Brown, Kyle Cain (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), Gary Gillis, Paula Helm, Greg Maloney, Scott Price and Kristen Walraven. Also in attendance were: Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Dori Smith, Board Secretary/Asst. to the Executive Director and Cory Proehl, Director of Golf. There was no one from the press in attendance.

4. Review of the 2018-19 Golf Fund Budget and recommended changes to rates and fees –

Cameron Bettin stated that Cory Proehl will discuss the big changes happening in the Golf Fund, his change in management of the Pro Shops, new point of sale system, and the driving range. Cory noted that full-time salaries were up at both courses due to Steve Janssen leaving and the need to pay his banked and accumulated vacation time. He also noted that Parkview irrigation repair & maintenance was up \$10,850 due to the need to replace the valve box at Parkview Golf Course.

He noted that he is purchasing brands that he believes sells better for the pro shop. He also noted that he is “buying with wheels” – you can send back at the end of the season items that don’t sell. He is setting up demo days with Callaway and Taylormade. Cory noted that in contractual services will be an agreement with GolfNow. They are providing all hardware and software for a new point of sale program. He also noted that retail value was \$50,000 for each Golf Course. GolfNow will basically receive two tee times per day per golf course at a discounted rate to sell on-line. He also noted that the GolfNow program will allow him to collect

usage data more efficiently. He will also be able to freshen up the website with photos taken of each hole at both courses by a drone.

He noted that the control valve at Lick Creek does not meet service requirements per the fire department and will cost \$1,500 to fix stuck bolt and possibly up to \$8,000 if have to replace. He also noted that he warned by Steve Funk about Lick Creek's Pump House and the need to budget \$9,000 for a new pump.

5. Board consideration on 2018-19 Rates & Fees and Lease Purchase of (50) 2019 Club Car Golf Cars for Lick Creek Golf Course –

Cory Proehl stated that the fee structure for the golf courses needed to be cleaned up. He noted that there are too many options offered. He stated that he felt a "subject to change" phrase should be added to the rate sheet to allow an adjustment to fees when the park district deems necessary. He noted that it was his philosophy that passes should increase \$20 every year. He noted that many courses have restrictions on passes such as no passes are accepted on weekends or holidays. Cory Proehl recommended two rates for golf carts a 9 hole half cart rate and an 18 hole half cart rate. He noted that the range pass recommended would supplement winter revenue. He noted that green fees should increase in conjunction with the arrival of new carts.

Cory noted that (50) 2002 golf carts at Lick Creek were 16 years old and in bad shape. He noted that \$26,000 was spent over the last four years on repairs to golf carts. He noted that the trade-in value being offered by Battery Specialist and Golf Cars was \$1813.75 per cart and they are offering a \$15,000 discount if purchased before September 1<sup>st</sup>. The annual payment would be approximately \$32,000. He also noted that the golf carts had been bid through US Communities and therefore, the park district would not have to go through the bid process.

Move to approve the 2018-19 Fee Structure for Parkview and Lick Creek Golf Courses as presented and to approve the lease/purchase of (50) club cars from Battery Specialists in the amount of \$160,062.50.

Motion: Scott Price 2<sup>nd</sup>: Greg Maloney

All ayes by a roll call vote – motion carried

6. Adjourn:

Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Paula Helm 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kristen Walraven

Time: 10:52 a.m.

All ayes by a voice call vote – motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

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