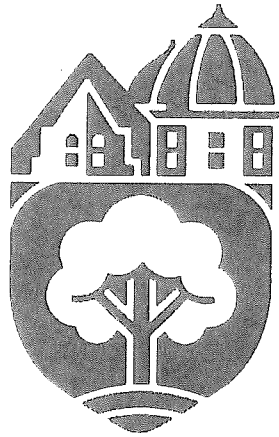


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EFFICIENCY REPORT FOR THE PEKIN PARK DISTRICT



PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

**APPROVED BY THE PARK DISTRICT'S
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
AUGUST 8, 2024**

I. Purpose

The Pekin Park District ("Park District") formed its Committee on Local Government Efficiency on June 1, 2023, passing Resolution No. 23-11; A Resolution Forming a Committee on Local Government Efficiency, to study efficiencies and report recommendations regarding those efficiencies and increased accountability pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1, *et seq.* (the "Committee").

II. Committee Membership

The Committee consisted of the following individuals:

Greg Ranney _____ President of Park Board of Commissioners in June, 2023

Kristen Walraven _____ Current President of Park Board of Commissioners, August, 2024

Kyle Cain _____ Commissioner

Mike Dralle _____ Commissioner

Gary Gillis _____ Commissioner

Sue McMillan _____ Commissioner

Steve Sours _____ Commissioner

Jim Ruth _____ Resident Member

Jim Wolf _____ Resident Member

Cameron Bettin _____ Executive Director of Park District and Chair/Secretary of Committee

III. Committee Meetings

The Committee met as follows:

Meeting Date	Meeting Time and Place
Saturday, March 30_____	9:00am Robert N. Blackwell Admin. Bldg.
Saturday, April 30 _____	9:00am Robert N. Blackwell Admin. Bldg.
Saturday, June 1 _____	9:00am Robert N. Blackwell Admin. Bldg.
Thursday, August 8 _____	5:00pm Robert N. Blackwell Admin. Bldg.

Minutes of these meetings are available on the Park District's website or upon request at the Park District's Administrative office.

IV. General Overview of Governing Statutes, Ordinances, Rules, Procedures, Powers, Jurisdiction

The Park District was established by a referendum initiated and approved by the voters of the Park District in 1902. All Illinois park districts, including the Park District, are governed by the Park District Code, 70 ILCS 1205/1 *et seq.*

Having a separate and distinct taxing body for parks, recreation, and conservation within the local community, which operates apart from general purpose governments, is extremely beneficial to the community for many reasons, as detailed further in this report.

- **Elected, non-partisan, non-compensated board.** The Park District is governed by a board of seven (7) commissioners. Commissioners must reside within the boundaries of the park district and are elected at the Consolidated Election in odd-numbered years. Pursuant to state law, commissioners are non-partisan and serve without compensation.
- **Accessible and focused representation.** Having a dedicated board to oversee these essential facilities, programs, and services provides the community with increased access to their elected representatives and allows those elected representatives to remain focused solely on those facilities, programs, and services. This is contrasted with general purpose governments where elected representatives are responsible for broad oversight on a wide range of issues. This special purpose benefit is particularly advantageous when it comes to budget and finance oversight.
- **Increased transparency.** Having a dedicated unit of local government to provide park and recreation services also improves the relationship between the park district and its residents because of the transparency and openness related to the board and park district operations. Having detailed agenda and action items allows taxpayers to be better informed about the inner workings of their local government. When individual units of government are responsible for providing specified services like park districts, transparency is increased because action items and budget procedures are more detailed. Additionally, these items and budgetary decisions are subject to more scrutiny by locally elected officials than is the case with larger, multi-purpose governments with a multitude of departments.
- **Protection of revenues.** Because the Park District is a separate unit of local government, the revenues it generates can only be used for park district purposes. This assurance is contrasted with general purpose governments like cities, villages, and counties that provide a multitude of services such as fire, police, public works, economic development, etc., where revenues that are generated specifically for parks and recreation can be expended on these other services with limited, if any, input from voters.

- **Protection of assets.** Public parks and other real property owned by the park district is held in trust for the residents of the park district, and, subject to very limited exceptions, can only be sold or transferred if residents approve of the sale or transfer by a referendum. This is contrasted with general purpose units of government, which have authority to sell or dispose of property by a vote of the governing board.
- **Providing the Community More with Less.** The Park District does more with much fewer funding options. Unlike other units of local government that receive direct state funding, and income, sales, use, hotel/motel, motor fuel and other numerous taxes, the Park District's only tax revenues come from a modest portion of a resident's overall property tax bill. In fact, despite its limited funding options, the Park District share is only 5.4% of the local tax bill compared to the elementary school district which is 35.2%, the high school district which is 22.9% and the city which is 10%. The Park District does receive Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues annually from the state but the amount of funding is dictated by the state and varies every year.

As part of good governance and implementing best practices in the management of day-to-day operations, the Park District also has adopted the following ordinances, rules, policies and procedures:

- Ordinance No. 16-5: An Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Parks and Property Owned or Controlled by the Pekin Park District ("Conduct Ordinance")
- Employee Handbook
- Safety and Health Manual
- Health and Wellness Policy
- Social Media Policies
- 2017 Community Wide Recreation Interests Study
- 2018-2021 Strategic Plan—Moving Forward; A Strategies Blueprint for 2018-2021
- 2018-2019 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives Implementation Summary
- 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives Implementation Summary
- 2022-2027 Strategic Plan—Moving Forward; A Strategies Blueprint for 2022-2027
- Special Use Application for Use of Mineral Springs Park and other neighborhood/community parks
- Special Use Application for Use of Outer Parks (McNaughton, Dirksen, Independence and Tante Parks)
- Application for Use of Outdoor Facility
- Application for Use of Indoor Facility

- Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund – Recreation Program Financial Assistance Application
- Active Military Personnel on Leave Policy
- Pekin Park Sports Complex Non-Resident Fee Policy

Inefficiencies discovered during committee discussions included the lacking of the following. It was concluded that these items should be addressed by staff and the board, presented to and reviewed by the board, and adopted/approved by the board.

- **Board Policies and Procedures Manual** – The Park Board currently does the Open Meeting Acts training as required by law, meets with the Executive Director prior to being sworn in to go over the various ordinances, rules, policies and procedures listed above, do a very general overview of the Park District Code and Illinois Park District Law Handbook, as well as talk about the role and responsibility of being a Park Board Commissioner. The issue with this process is that it is not consistent because there is not specific policies and procedures in place and located in one document/manual. The conclusion of the committee is to list what we have done in the past and obtain what other Park Districts have done, and develop such a manual that meets statutory requirements and the expectations/responsibilities of being a Pekin Park District Board Commissioner.
- **Comprehensive Master Plan** – This has been on the wish list for at least ten (10) years but budget constraints have prevented it from being completed. When funding becomes available, it should be a priority to get this done in order to get community input, provide the community information on future planning, and to have a document that is typically required to have for various grant applications.
- **Annual Report** – This has been done to some degree through the twice a year Play Guide the Park District provides the community, but it has not been done consistently and with as much detail as a typical annual report provides. It has been in the last two strategic plans and needs to start occurring. The conclusion of the committee is to complete this for fiscal year 2024 and have available on the Park District website the beginning of fiscal year 2025, and to annually do this.

Two other items discussed by the committee were an **Operations Manual**, and **Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual**. The Park District does not have a compiled manual for either of these, but there are rules, policies and procedures in place.

- **Operations Manual** – Some functions that would pertain to every department and facility operations of the Park District are included in the Employee Handbook, Safety and Health Manual, Health and Wellness Policy, and Ordinance 16-5. Also, each department and facility has rules, policies and procedures in place that pertain to the functions of their respective operations and responsibilities of their staff. With the Park District now having a full-time Superintendent of Human Resources and Risk Manager, one of their functions is to work with all the departments to determine what is in place and what is being done efficiently, but also to find inefficiencies and areas that need improvements. Once this information is gathered, then a more detailed manual can be compiled.
- **Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual** – Some rules, policies and procedures that would pertain to the operations and staffing of every department and facility of the Park District are included in the Employee Handbook, Safety and Health Manual, Health and Wellness Policy, and Ordinance 16-5. The offices of the Executive Director and the Business Department also put in place other policies and procedures in addition to the above manuals and policies. Examples would include a Purchasing Policy, Store Accounts/Credit Card Policy, and Facility Use Privileges Policy. Similar to the Operations Manual, once all the information is gathered, then a more detailed manual can be compiled.

V. List of Shared Services and Partnerships

The Park District works diligently to provide the best possible programs, services, and facilities to our community at the least possible cost. One of the many ways the Park District achieves this goal is by partnering with neighboring park districts, school districts, other units of local government within or near the community, the State, non-profit organizations, and for-profit corporations. Below is a comprehensive list of the current partnerships, agreements, and other relationships that assist the Park District's mission of delivering the best possible services at the least possible cost to our community.

1. Membership in SRA

The Park District is part of the Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association ("IRVSRA"). Special recreation associations are a form of intergovernmental cooperation among units of local government that are authorized under the Illinois Constitution, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, the Park District Code, and the Municipal Code. Their formation is rooted in a fundamental belief and recognition that "Recreation is for Everyone." They are shining examples of local government efficiency.

The Pekin Park District partnered with the Fondulac Park District to form the IRVSRA in order to provide programs and services for our community members who have special needs. It offers a choice between participating in the IRVSRA's programs or in programs that are provided by the Park Districts via inclusion services. In essence, by partnering together, local communities are able to effectively and efficiently deliver more opportunities to community members who have special needs.

The IRVSRA is governed by a six (6) member board with three representatives from each Park District (the Executive Director, a Park Board Commissioner, and another staff member). The Pekin Park District is the managing agency with all employees under their payroll and direction. Fondulac Park District pays the Pekin Park District a determined amount annually through the taxes they levy for being in a Special Recreation Association. This partnership allows for the provision of facilities, programming, staffing, management and operations of a Special Recreation Association to meet the needs of those with special needs in the communities which the Pekin and Fondulac Park Districts serve, as well as those outside of their respective boundaries in Tazewell County.

The Park District and the IRVSRA achieve efficiency by utilizing existing facilities that are owned and operated by both the Pekin and Foundulac Park Districts. Utilizing these existing facilities allows the IRVSRA to deliver services to its member communities at a lower cost. Currently the Park Districts provide the IRVSRA access to the following facilities for their program offerings:

- The IRVSRA Recreation Center (built out at the Pekin Park District Administration Building with contractors, and Pekin and Fondulac Park District staff).
- Pekin Park District Facilities
 - DragonLand Water Park
 - Magic Dragon Mini Golf
 - Boating on the Lagoon
 - Parkside Fitness (tennis courts and wally ball courts)
 - Miller Center (senior center)
 - Lick Creek Golf Course
 - Blazin' A Trail Riding and Boarding (horse stables owned by the Park District and leased out to a concessionaire)
 - The Parkside Learning Garden
 - Mineral Springs Park softball and soccer fields
 - Riverfront Park Splash Pad
- Fondulac Park District Facilities
 - Administration Center
 - Fondulac Golf Course
 - Farm Park
 - Use of passenger bus when needed

The IRVSRA also provides the support needed for participants with special needs who choose to register for the Park District programs or inclusive programming. The IRVSRA collects information on the registered participant and determines what supports are needed for that participant to be successful in this inclusive setting or the Park District program. This could include additional training of the supervisory staff, additional support staff, the use of adaptive equipment, behavior management, and/or other measures that will assist in the successful participation of this individual in the Park District program. Although success may not look the same for everyone, the IRVSRA works with the Park District's staff to ensure the best possible results for all the participants in the program. The Park District's cost of providing these services would be much greater without its participation and partnership in the IRVSRA.

In 2023, the IRVSRA successfully served 434 residents in 61 programs. The IRVSRA also supported 0 participants in inclusive programs that were provided by the Park District.

Furthermore, in addition to working with the Fondulac Park District the IRVSRA also networks with six (6) other local governments or non-profit organizations to outreach and educate them on the programs and services they provide. District 108, District 303, TCRC, Group Homes, Children's Home, and Pekin Kiwanis.

The Park District is very proud of the ongoing collaboration with the Fondulac Park District and IRVSRA. By working cooperatively with other local governments, not only are we better able to collectively serve all citizens within our communities, including persons with special needs, but we are able to do so in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

2. Other intergovernmental agreements with other park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, or municipal recreation agencies

Currently, the Pekin Park District does not have any such agreements. But, with that said, when a need arises, these other agencies are a phone call away and are always willing to assist if the request is within reason or doable at the time. An example would be the need for extra bleachers or soccer goals for an event or tournament, or the use of a piece of equipment that we might not have or cannot rent.

3. Intergovernmental agreements with other units of local government

- 6-21-1978 Lease with Marquette Heights for park (Resolution approved and signed; lease not signed) 20 years; extend 20 years; and extend 10 years; expires 2028 if the extensions were actually done. Tax records shows Marquette Heights owns this now.
- 6-21-1983 Helmig Park Agreement (for use and maintenance of the Pekin Housing Authority property)
- 1986 Stadium Drive Drainage Improvements with City of Pekin and PCHS District 303.
- 6-27-1988 Lease with Marquette Heights (for a road salt dome/storage facility).
- 10-22-1992 Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Pekin and District 108 (for Roosevelt School, now Southside Business Association Park) Done, conveyance/transfer and development.
- 9-28-1995 Tornado/Emergency Siren Location with the City of Pekin (for sirens in Kiwanis Park North and Mineral Springs Park).
- 9-29-1995 Parking Lease with Tazewell County (for use of Miller Park parking lot by jurors).
- 1997 Transition Agreement for the Miller Senior Center (ownership to operate and maintain the Senior Center).
- 4-27-2000 Peoria and Pekin Union Railway Co. Agreement (for Pekin Bike Trail crossings and property use).
- 6-21-2001 Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pekin Police Department (for assistance on dispatched calls and other needs).

- 10-25-2001 Easement for Highway Purposes with the City of Pekin (for the development of 14th Street from Court Street to Broadway Street).
- 10-9-2002 North Pekin Fire Protection Agreement (for McNaughton, Dirksen, and Independence Parks).
- 5-24-2004 Riverfront Park agreement with City (shared use and cost to build and maintain).
- 4-28-2005 Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Pekin Police Department (for assistance on dispatched calls and other needs)
- 3-19-2007 Lease and Development Agreement with District 108 for James Field Park.
- 7-1-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement with District 108 (for use of facilities/property) Expired 6-30-2010. Only one-year agreement? Other agreements were 4-27-2005, then 7-1-2005 to 6-30-2005. Need to look into and complete/finalize a new agreement.
- 5-1-2012 Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Pekin (for construction and use of the Board Room by the Fire Department).
- 6-28-2018 Marquette Heights Fire Protection Agreement (for McNaughton, Dirksen, and Independence Parks).
- 7-23-2018 Intergovernmental Agreement with PCHS District 303 (for shared use of facilities and costs of maintenance and improvements) 10 years, then annual.
- 5-1-2022 New agreement with City of Pekin Fire Department to clarify/update the expectations and use of the Board Room by both parties.
- 4-1-2023 District 108 Agreement (for use and maintenance of Wilson School property – Kiwanis Park property) For 25 years.

4. Intergovernmental agreements with the State of Illinois

- Illinois Nature Preserves Commission through the IDNR for Land and Water Reserve sites.
 - 8-28-2003 Registration Agreement with Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (for Dirksen/McNaughton Woods Land and Water Reserve).
 - 3-12-2012 Registration Agreement with Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (for Independence Woods Land and Water Reserve).
 - 1-2016 Site Management Schedule with Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (for Dirksen-McNaughton Woods Land and Water Reserve).

- 1-2018 Site Management Schedule with Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (for Independence Woods Land and Water Reserve).
- Grant Funding Agreements with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition/Development program and Land & Water Conservation Fund Program.
 - Rotary Park Improvements (OSLAD)
 - Mineral Springs Park Improvements (OSLAD)
 - Gene Miller Park (LWCF)
 - Rotary Park (LWCF)
 - Mineral Springs Park and Lick Creek Golf Course (LWCF)

5. Partnerships or agreements with athletic or similar affiliate organizations that operate sports or other leagues

- 3-28-2013 License Agreement with JFL (for construction and operations of announcer's booth and storage building at the Pekin Sports Complex) Ends 3-31-2038.
- 1-10-2021 Tennis Court Reservation Agreement with Bradley University (for use of indoor courts at Parkside Fitness).

6. Partnerships or other interrelationships with non-profits

- 1955 & 1974 Tazewell County Veterans Memorial Fair Association (for construction/development of 4-H buildings and grounds) 50 year leases. We are in the process of drafting a new lease for another 50 years.
- 1968 Show-mobile with Tazewell County Veterans Memorial Fair Association (the Fair Board actually owned and used the show-mobile and we used it also) The show-mobile was sold a few years ago.
- 9-10-1973 RC Club (for development and use of the Remote Control Airfield at Dirksen Park).
- 3-20-1990 Pekin Winter Wonderland, Inc. Bylaws; Articles of Incorporation – No date, George Ryan was Secretary of State at the time.
- 8-26-1991 License Agreement with Peoria Frisbee Club (for development and use of McNaughton Park for a disc golf course) 9-23-1993, the 1991 agreement was amended.
- 5-26-2011 Pekin Archers License (for use of the Archery Range and facilities at Dirksen Park).

- 12-17-2012 Red Cross Emergency Shelter Agreement (for Miller Center, Arena and Parkside) Needs to be renewed/updated.
- 2-28-2013 Agreement with Model Railroad Club (for use of basement in Administration Building).
- 5-31-2013 Peoria Area Mountain Bikes Association (PAMBA) (for maintaining trails at Independence and Dirksen Parks).
- 10-22-2020 Licensing Agreement with Tazewell County Resource Centers, Inc. (for use of Miller Center kitchen).
- 11-5-2020 Intergovernmental License Agreement with Tazewell County Veteran's Memorial Fair Association and Pekin Community Softball Association (for use of the Livestock Review Building in the winter months for batting and pitching cages, and fielding).
- Grant Funding Agreements with United Way Pekin for the Miller Center Senior Transportation Service.
- The Park District also has a foundation in place, The Pekin Park Foundation, whose mission is: The Pekin Park Foundation, a 501(c) 3 Not-for-Profit Charitable Organization and classified as a public charity 509 (a)(3), serves as a means by which park supporters can help improve and beautify our parks and expand participation in its activities and programs through a well-defined Gifting Program and a long-term sustaining Endowment Program, in an effort to always further the spirit, culture and tradition of the Pekin Park District.

The Foundation:

- Provides funding and acquisition assistance and in-kind donations for purchasing, developing, promoting and maintaining parks, land, buildings, facilities, equipment, supplies, activities and programs for the Pekin Park District.
- Promotes programs that serve the purposes and objectives of the Foundation, including endowment, gifting, sponsorship and volunteerism.
- Promotes other activities and developments for the benefit of the Pekin Park District.
- Compliments and enhances, and does not conflict with the activities of the Pekin Park District, a unit of local government. Maintains a close working relationship with the Pekin Park District so as not to in any way diminish the power and authority of the Pekin Park District in performing its mission of working with the community to preserve and enhance recreational opportunities, open space resources and wildlife protection.
- Engages in other activities related to the Foundation's specific objectives and purposes.

The foundation has governance documents in place of which some are correlated with the Park District. These are:

- The Memorandum of Understanding between the Park District and Pekin Park Foundation

- The Gifting Policy
- Sponsorship Policy
- Media Relations Policy

7. Partnerships with for profit organizations

- 6-8-2017 Cell Tower Lease with Verizon.
- 4-23-2020 Hoeff Farm Lease (for farming of 16 acres at the corner of 5th Street and Hanna Drive).
- 5-1-2021 Stable Lease (for use and operation of an equestrian business at McNaughton Park).
- Independent Contractor Agreements for fitness instructors/trainers and program instructors (Parkside Fitness and Recreation Department).
- Lease space at Parkside Fitness for therapeutic massage business.
- Food Trucks at special events (10% of the profit goes to the Park District).

8. Informal cooperation with other units of local government which save taxpayer dollars by eliminating redundancy

- Examples of informal cooperation with other units of local government that probably occurs most often are the following:
 - Assisting each other to accomplish a task whether that is borrowing equipment or providing staff to run the equipment to get the job done.
 - Planning, coordinating and assisting each other with special events either run by the government agency or another entity such as the Chamber of Commerce, Winter Wonderland Committee or high school (i.e. 4th of July Fireworks, Marigold Festival, parades, graduation).

9. The following is a list of the various organizations the Pekin Park District partners/works with:

- Pekin Community Softball Association
- Pekin Gamers Baseball and Softball
- Boys and Girls Club
- Union Mission
- Pekin Pride Soccer
- Pekin Junior Football League
- Pekin Amateur Hockey Association
- Pekin Dragons High School Hockey Club
- Central Illinois Sled Hockey
- Bradley Women's Tennis

- United States Tennis Association
- Pekin Public School District 108
- PCHS District 303
- Tazewell County Veterans Memorial Fair Association
- City of Pekin (Administrative, Public Works, Engineering, Economic Development, Tourism, Police and Fire)
- Chamber Transportation Committee
- Pekin Public Library
- Marigold Festival Committee
- Winter Wonderland Committee
- City of Marquette Heights
- City of North Pekin
- Fondulac Park District
- Pekin Archers Club
- Radio Control Airfield Club
- Peoria Frisbee Club (Disc Golf)
- Peoria Area Mountain Bikers Association
- Model Railroad Club
- Tazewell County Resource Center

VI. Other Examples of Efficient Operations

Use of volunteers. One way in which the Park District reduces the burden on taxpayers is through the use of volunteers. Last year, 193 individuals volunteered 7,469 hours of service to the Park District.

Youth employment. The Park District is a major employer of youth in the community. Last year, the Park District employed 66 youth or young adults age 18 or younger, and 62 between the ages of 19 and 22. This totals 128. This is approximately 44% of employees age 22 and younger when looking at peak employment numbers in the summer. Not only is this an efficient way to deliver services, but youth employment serves as a valuable training tool for the future workforce.

Joint purchasing. The Park District participates in joint purchasing cooperatives pursuant to the Governmental Joint Purchasing Act (30 ILCS 525/0.01 *et seq.*) thereby saving taxpayer dollars through economies of scale. These include:

- Cooperative Purchasing
 - Sourcewell
 - Omnia Partners
 - National Purchasing Partners Government
- The Park District has utilized cooperative purchasing for the purchase and install of playground equipment, the playground border, and safety surfacing for Mineral Springs Park, as well as SBA, KPN, Blenkiron and Willow Parks. We plan to do that for Rotary Park also. The Park District in partnership with the City is doing the same for the Riverfront Park Splash Pad which includes the purchase of the equipment, concrete work, plumbing and electric work, and install of the equipment. The new Arena Ice Rink lights were also purchase and installed through a cooperative. In the past, vehicles have been purchased through the state bid cooperative.

The Pekin Park Foundation. Last year, the Foundation raised \$154,449 in private donations, which help alleviate the burden on taxpayers. The Pekin Park Foundation, a 501(c) 3 Not-for-Profit Charitable Organization and classified as a public charity 509 (a)(3). The Foundation's mission is to serve as a means by which park supporters can help improve and beautify our parks and expand participation in its activities and programs through a well-defined Gifting Program and a long-term sustaining Endowment Program, in an effort to always further the spirit, culture and tradition of the Pekin Park District. The Foundation:

- Provides funding and acquisition assistance and in-kind donations for purchasing, developing, promoting and maintaining parks, land, buildings, facilities, equipment, supplies, activities and programs for the Pekin Park District.

- Promotes programs that serve the purposes and objectives of the Foundation, including endowment, gifting, sponsorship and volunteerism.
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 - Compliments and enhances, and does not conflict with the activities of the Pekin Park District, a unit of local government. Maintains a close working relationship with the Pekin Park District so as not to in any way diminish the power and authority of the Pekin Park District in performing its mission of working with the community to preserve and enhance recreational opportunities, open space resources and wildlife protection.
 - Engages in other activities related to the Foundation's specific objectives and purposes.
- The Pekin Park Foundation has financially supported numerous Pekin Park District Projects/Purchases, including the following:
 - The purchase of 2 new police vehicles.
 - The purchase of new hockey boards for Veterans Memorial Arena.
 - Upgrades to the Dog Park.
 - Miller Senior Center Renovations.
 - The purchase of new exercise equipment for Parkside Athletics.
 - Construction of the Steve Skinner Performing Arts Venue.
 - The purchase of a new Zamboni.
 - Purchase and upkeep of numerous memorial trees, pavers & benches.

Collaboration with other park districts on best practices. Because park districts are not in competition with one another, they are more willing than the private sector to share best practices. These best practices help to avoid unnecessary costs and deliver services more effectively and efficiently.

Reliance on Non-Tax Revenue. Unlike most local governments that rely on a wide range of sales, use, and income taxes, the Park District is not permitted to assess these types of taxes. Additionally, although the Park District is an economic engine for the community and generates much revenue for the state and our community in the form of hotel/motel, sales, and motor fuel taxes, our Park District does not receive any of these revenues.

Also, unlike Illinois cities, villages, counties, and school districts that received billions of dollars in direct financial assistance from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Our Park District did not receive any such direct federal aid. However, we did receive some funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity through their Local CURE Program. It gave us the opportunity to claim some of our costs of implementing CDC guidance for public employees and within public spaces or facilities.

Our Park District also does not receive state funding under the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) or General State Aid (GSA) that these same cities, villages, counties, and school districts receive through the State budget. The Park District does

receive Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues annually from the state but the amount of funding is dictated by the state and varies every year.

The majority of the programs, facilities, and services the Park District provides to the community is with a very modest amount of property taxes and from **non-tax sources** such as memberships, program registrations, and other user fees as well as private donations and grants.

VII. Transparency to the Community

The following information about the Park District may be obtained by citizens in the location listed.

Document	Location(s) Available (website, administrative offices, county clerk, state website, etc.)
• Annual tax levy	Admin. Bldg. and County Clerk
• Annual budget and appropriation ordinance	Admin. Bldg. and County Clerk
• Agenda and minutes	Park District Website
• Comptroller's annual finance report (AFR)	State Website
• Annual audit	Park District Website
• Statement of Receipts and Disbursements	Admin. Bldg.
• Conduct Ordinances	Park District Website
• Long range plans	To Be Developed
• Strategic plans	Park District Website
• Capital improvement plan	In Development
• ADA transition plan	Admin. Bldg.
• District Organizational Flow Chart	Park District Website
• Citizens Guide to Addressing Park Board	Park District Website
• Freedom of Information Act Notice	Park District Website
• Public Mtgs. Act-Total Compensation Report	Park District Website
• Health and Wellness Policy	Park District Website
• Social Media Policy	Park District Website

The Park District offers residents many opportunities to provide feedback. These include:

- The board of commissioners meets twice a month (typically the first and third Thursdays at 6:00 pm at the Robert N. Blackwell Administration Building). Residents should check the website though as sometimes the meeting dates are adjusted when setting the schedule due to the holidays. Residents may provide public comment at every meeting.
- The Park District's annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is available in tentative form at least 30 days prior to its adoption at an open meeting of the Park District board. Additionally, at least one public hearing is held prior to final action, and notice of the hearing is published in the newspaper at least one week prior to the hearing.
- The Park District's annual property tax levy is approved at an open meeting of the Park District board in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The Park District follows all public notice and hearing requirements under the Truth in Taxation Law prior to the adoption of this annual tax levy. The Park District's annual levy is also subject to the limitations of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.
- Residents may contact or request information from the Park District by phone at 309-353-5330 or by email by going to the Contact Us tab on the Park District's website, www.pekinparkdistrict.org.
- The following are committees, boards that have community representation:
 - Pekin Park Foundation
 - Tazewell County Veterans Memorial Fair Association
 - Government Efficiency Act Committee
 - Winter Wonderland Committee
- The following are the departments, facilities, and events that surveys have occurred for in the past five years to obtain community and participant feedback:
 - Recreation Department Programs
 - IRVSRA Programs
 - Miller Center Programs
 - Farmers Market
 - Miller Center Transportation

- Golf Clinics/Programs/Outings
 - Playground/Neighborhood Park Redevelopment Projects (SBA, KPN, Willow, Blenkiron, Rotary, KPS)
- The following are public hearings or similar meetings where community input was obtained on a particular project in the past five years:
 - Solar Array/Panel Public Hearing
 - Rotary Park Improvements IDNR OSLAD Grant Public Meeting
 - Soldwedel Program Center/McNaughton Park Redevelopment IDNR PARC Grant Public Meeting
 - Mineral Springs Park Improvements Phase II IDNR OSLAD Grant Public Meeting

VII. District Awards, Certifications, Training and Recognition

The District's achievements have been recognized in numerous ways.

Park Board

- Master Board Members – Commissioner Gary Gillis
- Staff and commissioner training
 - OMA – All Board Members, Board Secretary/Business Manager, and Executive Director
 - IAPD Get on Board – All Board Members
 - FOIA – Board Secretary/Business Manager and Executive Director
- Other –
 - Commissioner Gary Gillis on IAPD and IPARKS Boards
 - Executive Director on IPRF Board, IRVSRA Board, TCVMFA Board, Salvation Army Board

Pekin Park District Departments/Staff

- See attached list of the various awards, certifications, training and recognition of departments and staff throughout the Park District.

VIII. Benefits and Services

The Park District serves the entire community from the youngest child to the oldest adult and all ages in between. It does so in a variety of ways.

1. Facilities

The Park District provides various amenities/facilities to the community:

- See attached matrix for a list of all the park and recreational amenities and facilities available to the community.

2. Programs

The Park District offers various recreational opportunities throughout the year at several different facilities.

- See attached list of the activities and programs the Park District offered in 2023, including participation numbers.

3. Additional Services

The Park District provides the following additional services to the community.

- Miller Center Transportation Service
- Free Dog Park
- Free Splash Pad (in partnership with the City of Pekin)

4. Other Benefits

While the Park District is a special purpose district, its impact to the community is multi-faceted and far reaching. For example, the Park District's parks, recreational programming, and other opportunities improve the community's overall physical and mental health and wellness, thereby reducing health care costs. Before and after school and summer programs offer safe, convenient, and affordable childcare options for working families during critical times when school is not in session. These opportunities also help reduce juvenile crime. The Park District's open space and trees help improve air and water quality and mitigate flooding.

IX. Recommendations for Increased Accountability and Efficiency

1. Intergovernmental Fees and Charges

One opportunity for efficiency would be the elimination of fees and charges assessed by other units of government. Below are examples that other units of local government charge the Park District even though the Park District's taxpayers are also taxpayers of these other units of local government. Such fees and charges, and the bureaucracy that accompanies them, inhibit the park district's ability to deliver programs, facilities, and services at the least possible cost.

- Building and construction permits, state and local liquor license, elevator license and inspection, building inspection, ISP background checks, fire inspection, health inspections, and sprinkler inspections.

Other units of local government should recognize that intergovernmental fees often lead to inefficiency in the expenditure of taxpayer dollars through extra bureaucracy and administrative costs. In many cases, the unit of government assessing the fee ultimately benefits from the project or event, meaning it can recoup its costs through the extra sales tax or other revenue that will be generated. Where such fees are absolutely necessary, general purpose units of government should offset the fee by crediting the park district for all benefits they will receive from a project, event, or property. For example, open space that is protected and maintained by the Park District helps mitigate stormwater management costs, so assessing stormwater management fees on the Park District not only leads to inefficiency, but it is also shortsighted.

Governmental units should be discouraged or prohibited from charging more than their out-of-pocket costs associated with the activities covered by a fee that is assessed to another unit of local government with the same taxpayers. Put another way, one unit of local government should not profit by taxing another. Eliminating local permit fees is a way to reduce administrative costs without impacting overall public revenue. Local government best serves the people when it cooperates and works together. Some communities recognize this and do not charge fees to other units. All communities should be encouraged to follow that model to receive the best results for local taxpayers and to promote governmental efficiency.

2. Unfunded Mandates

Unfunded state mandates are another cost driver. While the Park District recognizes that there are benefits to some of these mandates, modifications could help alleviate some of the burden to the park district.

- a) Non-resident FOIA Requests.** Often the individuals/businesses submitting the FOIA requests are from outside of the park district boundaries, and they appear to be serving a specific agenda, rather than assuring better local government.

Under current law, resident taxpayers end up footing the bill for these non-resident or commercial requests. In order to help alleviate the burden for these non-resident requests the law could be amended to: (1) add a requirement that non-residents identify/explain the purpose of the request for information; (2) add a time limit on how far back a non-resident can request information; (3) staff time and costs could be included in the amount that is reimbursable for non-resident and commercial requests; (4) move back the deadline for non-resident requests 10 business days so that the park district does not have to delay services to its residents in order to comply with a non-resident request.

Sunshine laws are supposed to protect taxpayers by allowing them to shed light on any issue that is not exempt from FOIA. However, local government can be burdened by having to drop everything to rearrange priorities to meet FOIA deadlines, particularly if it has limited resources. Since local residents ultimately bear the expense of complying with FOIA, treating resident and non-resident requests differently would be justified.

- b) Criminal Background Checks.** All park districts are statutorily required to conduct criminal background checks on all employees pursuant to Section 8-23 of the Park District Code. The background checks must be done through the Illinois State Police (ISP). Last year, the park district spent \$5,500 for criminal background checks. The Park District does not recommend eliminating this mandate because it is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of children and other park district patrons. However, the State should explore ways in which it could improve the current system and make it less costly for park districts to comply with the law.

The mandate also raises the fundamental question as to why one layer of government is forced to charge its taxpayers to comply with a State mandate when the State made the determination to impose the mandate. Put another way, if the State has determined that criminal background checks are necessary for public safety, the State should assist with compliance.

The Park District recommends studying whether there can be a more efficient background check process implemented through the ISP to reduce the time and expense it takes for background checks. Another suggestion is for ISP to waive the fee for checks on minors or waive all fees for name checks. If there is a "hit" from a name check, the fee could be charged for the more-costly fingerprint check. Since it is a state mandate, perhaps the fee structure for park districts should also be reviewed to determine whether the fee being charged exceeds the actual cost of doing the check and, if so, perhaps the ISP could consider reducing its cost to local governments.

- c) Prevailing Wage.** One way to reduce burden on local government staff is to limit the prevailing wage requirement to larger capital contracts. This would free up tracking of the paperwork on small repairs and projects. One reason for creating a threshold requirement is the cost of the administrative burden relative to the cost

of the actual project. For example, eliminating prevailing wage on smaller projects, e.g., those less than \$50,000, will result in more local bids and decrease the overall cost for these smaller public works projects.

d) Newspaper Publication. The newspaper is no longer the most effective way to provide notice. Websites are cheaper and reach more people. Permitting the park district to post the information on its website in lieu of newspaper publications would reduce costs.

3. Opportunities for Increased Transparency


As illustrated above, the Park District is very transparent in its operations. The following are opportunities for increased transparency:

- Annual Report – This has been done to some degree through the twice a year Play Guide the Park District provides the community, but it has not been done consistently and with as much detail as a typical annual report provides. It has been in the last two strategic plans and needs to start occurring. The conclusion of the committee is to complete this for fiscal year 2024 and have available on the Park District website the beginning of fiscal year 2025, and to annually do this.

4. Opportunities for Savings such as Energy Efficiency Projects, Joint Purchasing

- Solar Array/Panel Project for Parkside Fitness and Veterans Memorial Arena
- Cooperative Purchasing
 - Sourcewell
 - Omnia Partners
 - National Purchasing Partners Government

Dated: AUGUST 8, 2024 [INSERT DATE FINAL REPORT APPROVED BY EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE]

Signed:  [CHAIR'S SIGNATURE]

Pekin Park District Awards, Certifications, Trainings, Recognition

Golf

Director of Golf - PGA Member

Pro Shop Managers - Bassett & Food Service Certified

All staff - CPR and 1st aid trained & certified

Lick Creek Golf Course:

Note: these awards were given out in 2023 for the 2022 Golf Season

- Golfers Choice #3 in nation
- Golf Advisor Top 25 most improved US courses #19
- Golf Advisor Top Courses in Illinois #1

Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association

All staff - CPR and 1st aid trained & certified

They have completed Mandated Reporter Training and Child Development and Health and Safety Training per DCFS (Gateways) requirements.

Program Managers are IPRA and NRPA Members

Parkside Fitness

Facility Manager – Tazewell Public Health Foundation Board Member, Youth Mental Health First Aid Certified, USA Pickleball Ambassador, CPR/AED/1st Aid Certified

Tennis Instructor – UPSTA Certified Tennis Pro

Tennis Instructor – PTR Certified Tennis Pro

Personal Trainer – ACE Personal Training Certified, Mike Boyle Certified Functional Strength Coach, Precision Nutrition Level 1 Certified

Group X Staff – Les Mills Certified Group X Instructor

General Staff – CPR/AED/1st Aid Certified

Miller Center

All staff - CPR and 1st aid trained & certified

Administrator and (2) Transportation Service Drivers - J05 certified to drive seniors in the 13 passenger bus (through DMV)

Administrator

- Pekin Rotary Member
- Senior Care Network Member (former board member)
- Tazewell County TRIAD Member and current Vice President
- AISC Member – Association of Illinois Senior Centers
- NISC Member – National Institute of Senior Centers (connected with the National Council on Aging)
- Pekin YWCA Nomination Committee Member
- Pekin Chamber Sunshine Award recipient 2022
- Pekin Chamber of Commerce R. David Tebben Leadership Academy Graduate
- IPRA and NRPA Member

Miller Center received the Methodist College of Nursing Outstanding Community Clinical Partner Award in 2018

Recreation

Superintendent of Recreation

- Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE)
- Certified Pool Operator (CPO)
- Certified Food Protection Manager
- Ellis and Associates International Lifeguard Training Program Instructor
- Tebben Community Leadership Academy Graduate, 2017
- IPRA ProConnect Mentoring Program Certificate of Completion (Mentor), 2020
- Indiana University Executive Development Program Certificate of Completion, 2023
- Open Meetings Act Certificate, 2024
- Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association (IRVSRA) Board Member
- City of Pekin Tourism Committee Member
- Pekin Alliance for Literacy Success Committee Member
- Winter Wonderland Festival Planning Committee Member
- Kiwanis Club of Pekin Member
- IPRA and NRPA Member
- Boy Scouts of America Registered Leader: 2014 – Current
 - Current Positions: Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 163 & Merit Badge Counselor
 - BSA Spark Plug Award 2024

Program Manager

- National Youth Sports Coaching Association Certification
- American Sport Education Program Certification
- American Heart Association CPR / First Aid
- Tebben Community Leadership Academy Graduate, 2023
- IPRA and NRPA Member

Program Manager

- American Heart Association CPR / First Aid / Basic Life Support Instructor
- Crisis Prevention Institute Instructor
- President of Moose Lodge 916
- President of Moose Association District 5
- Tebben Community Leadership Academy Graduate, 2023
- IPRA and NRPA Member

Aquatics Manager/Assistant Manager of Facilities

- Certified Pool Operation (CPO)
- Ellis and Associates International Lifeguard Training Program Instructor
- Certified Food Protection Manager

- PCHS Volunteer Freshman Football Coach
- Tebben Community Leadership Academy Graduate, 2023
- IPRA and NRPA Member

Facility Maintenance Supervisor

- Board President of Pekin Amateur Hockey Association (PAHA)
- President of Central Veteran Warriors Hockey Team

Recreation Department Administrative Assistant

- Team Manager for Pekin Union Mission Baseball
- Board Member for Peoria Youth Hockey Association (PYHA)

All staff - CPR and 1st aid trained & certified

DragonLand Water Park

- Ellis and Associates Silver Audit Award, 2023

Parks

All staff - CPR and 1st aid trained & certified

Master Gardener – Ornamentals Applicator License

Sports Complex Site Supervisor – Turf Applicator License

Parks Construction/Maintenance Staff Person – Pesticide Operators License

Superintendent of Parks and Parks Department

- Pekin Chamber Sunshine Award recipient 2023
- IPRA and NRPA Member

Marketing and Communications

Certified Park and Recreational Professional (CPRP) from the National Recreation and Park Association

UAS Remote Pilot: FAA Commercial Drone Pilot License

CPR and 1st aid trained & certified

IPRA and NRPA Member

IPRA 2022 Magazine Photo Contest: 3rd Place

Human Resources and Risk Management

SHRM-CP

Producer license in Property & Casualty insurance

IPRA and NRPA Member

Business Manager/Office Staff

Business Manager

- Pekin Park Foundation Treasurer
- Director of Hockey Operations / Coach – Pekin Amateur Hockey Association
- Pekin St. Jude Golf Outing Committee Member
- IPRA and NRPA Member
- Pekin Chamber of Commerce R. David Tebben Leadership Academy Graduate

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Awards, Certifications, Trainings and Recognition

- Pekin Chamber of Commerce – Past Ambassador
- Pekin Boys & Girls Club of America – Past Board Member
- Illinois Bankers Association – Future Leaders Alliance Graduate
- Freedom of Information Act Certification
- Open Meetings Act Certification
- CPR and 1st aid trained & certified


Office Staff

- Notary Public
- Food Management Certification
- Graduate of East Peoria Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program
- CPR and 1st aid trained & certified

Executive Director

- CPR and 1st aid trained & certified
- Freedom of Information Act Certification
- Open Meetings Act Certification
- Salvation Army Pekin 360 Life Center Advisory Board
- Pekin Park Foundation Ex Officio/Liaison
- Tazewell County Veterans Fair Association Board Member
- Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association Board Member
- Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation Board Member
- IPRA and NRPA Member
- Pekin Chamber of Commerce R. David Tebben Leadership Academy Graduate
- Past Board Member of Illinois Conservation Foundation
- Past Member of Illinois Park and Recreation Association Environmental Committee
- Professional of the Year Award – IPRA Parks and Natural Resource Management Section



<div></div> <div>PEKIN PARK DISTRICT</div>		Blankiron Park 601 Park Ave.	Coal Miners' Park 300 South Parkway Dr.	Everette McKinley Dirksen Park Route 98	Independence Park Enter at LaSalle Blvd.	James Field 101 South 9th St.	Kiwanis Park South 9th and Koch Streets	Kiwanis Park North 1620 Parish Ave.	John T. McNaughton Park 217 McNaughton Park Rd.	Miller Park 121 Court St.	Mineral Springs Park & Lagoon 701 Court St.	Railsplitter's Park 268 Derby St.	Riverfront Park 121 Court St.	Rotary Park 1715 State St.	Southside Business Assoc. Park 200 Sapp St.	Sports Complex 300 Koch St.	Tante Park Broadway Rd.	Willow Park 500 Willow St.	Lick Creek Golf Course 2210 N. Parkway Dr.	Parkview Golf Course 2300 Broadway Rd.
PARKS, FACILITIES, AMENITIES & MORE	.25 acres	47 acres	459 acres	340 acres	2 acres	6.5 acres	6.5 acres	800 acres	2.5 acres	220 acres	3 acres	2.5 acres	1.9 acres	1.2 acres	82 acres	43 acres	.25 acres	160 acres	101 acres	
Archery Range			1																	
Ball Diamonds					2	7				4	3		7	7	12					
Basketball Courts										2			1	2			1			
Boating (fee at Mineral Springs Park)										1		1								
Camping (tent only) (fee)								1												
Concession Stands										2					2			1	3	
Disc Golf								1												
Dog Park (lighted)										1										
Driving Range (fee)																		1		
Fishing (Lake Butterfield, Zuercher, Lagoon & River)								1		1		1								
Football Fields															4					
Golf Pro-Shop																		1	2	
Hiking/Biking/Paths/Lagoon (Total length trails) (x laps around = miles)		4.3 m	1	12.3 m	5x= 1m			1	1	2x= 1m		4.3 m			1x= 1.6m	1				
Horse Stables (fee)								1												
Horseshoe Pits									1											
Indoor Ice Skating Rink (fee)										1										
Facility/Room Rentals (fee) Pavilion, Shelters, Miller Center, IRVSR										5			1					1		
Miniature Golf (fee)										1										
Pekin Bike Trail - 4.3 miles (Allentown Rd. to Riverfront Park)		1							1	1		1								
Playgrounds	1					7	3		1	1	7		1	1	2		3			
Racquet & Full Fitness Facility (fee)										1										
Radio Controlled Airplane			1																	
Restrooms/Comfort Stations	1	1						1	1	5		1	1		2			1	1	
Rollerblade Hockey Court																	1			
Senior Center (50+)										1										
Shelters/TeePee Shelters (* indicates applicable rental fee)	1	1	2			7	1	7	1	2*		1	1*	1		2				
Skate Board Park										1										
Soccer Field															10					
Swimming/Water Play Area										1		1								
Tennis Courts										5										
Volleyball Courts										4										

Pekin Park District 2023 Activities and Programs

Golf

(6) Junior Golf clinics; 72 participants

(3) Junior weekly golf camps; 75 participants

(11) Adult Golf clinics; 81 participants

Pekin Junior City Golf Tournament; 35 participants. Note: This was a new activity/program in 2023.

Parkside Fitness

(73) Youth & Adult Tennis Lessons/Programs; 327 participants

Note: the fitness facility also offers group exercise and rpm classes that are walk-in type programs with no registration.

Miller Senior Center

(44) programs/activities; 14,630 participants. Note: the majority of the activities/programs offered at the senior center are walk-in type programs with no registration.

<u>Activity/Program</u>	<u>Participant #'s</u>
AARP Driver Safety	74
Ameren Event	57
Bingo	1145
Book Club	57
Bottle Collector Group	209
Breakfast Bingo	280
CPR	5
Crafts & Conversation	173
Dancing w/Ruby	35
Dartball	425
Diabetes Prevention (DPP)	9
Digital Literacy	117
Double Pinochle	212
Euchre	763
Exercise w/Ann	4222

Fit & Strong (12 weeks)	20
Friendsgiving	50
Game Day	531
Garden Club	143
Garden Club Plant Bingo	134
Golden Tours	360
Hand & Foot	261
Halloween Party	50
Keeping Connected	58
Lapidary	373
Line Dance	521
Mah Jongg	168
Marigold Breakfast	75
Matter of Balance	53
Miller Melodies	216
Mini Golf Tournament	27
Movie Matinee	29
New Day Senior Services	0
Paint Class	37
Pinochle	449
Power of Age	767
Quilting Group	198
Vaccine Clinic	23
Shopping Trip	40
Square Dance Lessons	736
TRANSPORTATION	7469
Walk for a Ride	75
Walking Club	516
Wood Carvers	937

Transportation Service; 7469 trips. Note: This is a livery type service where seniors are taken to doctor appointments, physical therapy, dialysis, the grocery store, the bank, etc. when they do not have another means of getting there.

Recreation

Learn to Skate; 195 participants

Little Stars; 103 participants

Precise Ice Team; 14 participants

Adult Softball

- Summer; 43 Teams
- Fall; 10 Teams
- Players; Approx. 550 participants

Swim Team; 35 participants

Tee Ball; 137 participants

Soccer; 228 participants

Larry's Casting Kids; 136 participants

DragonLand Admissions; 18,918

Swim Lessons; 644 participants

- DragonLand Swim Lessons; 542
- PCHS Swim Lessons; 102

Tumbling, Cheer & Dance

- August – May; 775 participants
- Summer Tumble, Cheer & Dance; 108 participants
- Cheer Camp; 110 participants

Arena Public Skate Admissions; 5270

Archery; 28 participants

Rotten Easter Egg Hunt; 23 participants

Easter Egg Hunt; estimate 350 – 400 participants

Bunny Breakfast; 101 participants

Breakfast with Santa; 60 participants

Letters to Santa; 60 participants

Art Class; 42 participants

Day Camps

- Winter Break Camp – Participant Avg. 25/day for 10 camp days
- Spring Break Camp – Participant Avg. 25/day for 6 camp days
- School's Out Days – Participant Avg. 16/day for 9 camp days
- Summer Camp Adventures – Participant Avg. 87/day for 58 camp days

Field Trips (McNaughton Park); 100 participants

IRVSRA

<u>Activity/Program</u>	<u>Participant #'s</u>
BRADLEY BASKETBALL	8
RIVERMEN GAME	6
TRACK AND FIELD SEASON	22
WINTER BOWLING	21
SPORTS BANQUET	52
DAY PROGRAM: HANGOUT	10
DAY PROGRAM: schools out	7
DAY PROGRAM: AFTER SCHOOL	35
DINNER & A MOVIE: ANT-MAN	6
DINNER & A MOVIE: SHAZAM	8
LIVE SHOW: PENGUIN PROJECT	4
CLASSES & CLUBS: TIK TOK	5
PARTIES& SOCIALS: pizza & bowling	18
Valentines Dance	36
Shamrock Shuffle Dance	27
Rise Event Party	7
Spring Break Camp	14
Hangout	14
After School	45
Summer Camp mid-day 11weeks	94
Summer Camp all day 11weeks	314
Summer Camp Dist. 108 5 weeks	11
Summer Camp Dist. 303 11 weeks	67
Summer Hangout	24
Softball Season	20
Bowling Season	43
Intro to Golf	8
Golf Outing	3
Bowl A Thon	22
Chiefs Game	9
Fall Into The 80's Dance	29

Peoria Zoo	6
Pizza and Bowling	23
Pizza and Bowling	17
Movies: TMNT	10
Movies: Blue Beetle	14
Movies: Paw Patrol	11
movies: ERAs Tour	5
Movies: The Marvels	9
Movies: Aquaman & The Lost	11
Movies: Wish	4
LIVE SHOW: Joseph	10
CHRISTMAS LIVE	7
Fall Bowling	44
Basketball	24
Kickball	2
Peoria Rivermen	13
Cheer & Dance	10
DAY PROGRAM: AFTER	15
Day Program: Schools Ou	17
Hangout	16
Winter Break Camp	32
Pizza and Bowling	12
Halloween Dance Party	57
Jingle Bell Jam	36
Number of programs	56
Total # of registrations	1394

RESOLUTION NO. 23-11

A RESOLUTION FORMING A COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT, TAZEWELL AND PEORIA COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the Pekin Park District ("Park District") is required to form a Committee on Local Government Efficiency ("Efficiency Committee") pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1 *et seq.* (the Act); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Efficiency Committee shall: (1) study the Park District's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State of Illinois, (2) collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to prepare a written report that includes recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency, and (3) provide a written report to the administrative office of each county board of the county in which the governmental unit is located; and

WHEREAS, the Efficiency Committee shall consist of the elected or appointed members of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District, at least two residents from the district appointed by the President of the Board of Commissioners and approved by the Board of Commissioners, and the chief executive officer or other officer of the Park District, if any; and

WHEREAS, The President desires to appoint Jim Ruth AND Jim Wolf as the two resident members of the Efficiency Committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Efficiency Committee shall meet at least three times and shall operate as a public body pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Efficiency Committee shall provide a written report to the administrative office of the Tazewell County Board no later than eighteen months after the day of the Efficiency Committee's formation; and

WHEREAS, the Efficiency Committee will be dissolved after it has made a written report to the Tazewell County Board and all other statutory requirements have been satisfied;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PEKIN PARK DISTRICT, TAZEWELL AND PEORIA COUNTIES, ILLINOIS as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Board of Commissioners hereby forms its Committee on Local Government Efficiency consisting of the following individuals:

- Greg Ranney [NAME OF BOARD PRESIDENT]
- Kristen Walraven [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Kyle Cain [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Mike Dralle [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Gary Gillis [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Sue McMillan [NAME OF COMMISSIONER IF APPLICABLE]
- Steve Sours [NAME OF COMMISSIONER IF APPLICABLE]
- Jim Ruth [NAME OF RESIDENT MEMBER]
- Jim Wolf [NAME OF RESIDENT MEMBER]
- Cameron Bettin [NAME OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR OTHER OFFICER AS APPLICABLE]

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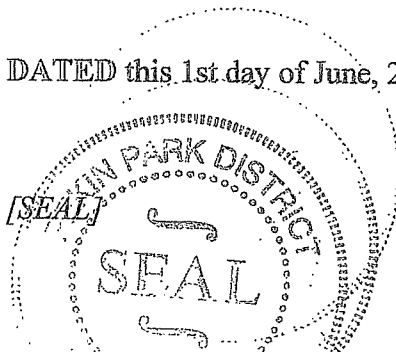
SECTION 2: That Cameron Bettin, Executive Director shall serve as the chairperson of the Efficiency Committee; and

SECTION 3: That the Park District's Board Secretary, Open Meetings Act Officer, and Freedom of Information Act Officer shall serve the Efficiency Committee in those respective roles; and

SECTION 4: That the Efficiency Committee shall perform its duties in accordance with 50 ILCS 70/1 *et seq.*; and

SECTION 5: That the Board of Commissioners shall provide a written report to the Tazewell County Board no later than December 1, 2024, which is eighteen months after the day of the Efficiency Committee's formation.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2023.



ATTEST:

Don K Smith
Board Secretary

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

By:

Greg Ranney
Board President