



PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of
The Regular Board Meeting of Park Commissioners
5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2026
Robert N. Blackwell Admin Building
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order. President McMillan called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. All stood to recite the pledge of allegiance.
3. Roll call.
The following Commissioners were present: Greg Ranney, Mike Dralle, Kristen Walraven, Kyle Cain, Gary Gillis, Sue McMillan and Steve Sours. Also, in attendance were: Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Chip Hill, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications; Shawna Burnice, Superintendent of IRVSRA; and Ericka Davis, Superintendent of Human Resources & Risk Management. Staff absent were: Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; and Tony Maxison, Chief of Park Police;
4. Additions to and/or deletions from the agenda, if any.
5. Public Comments:
6. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2026
 - B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 03/24/2026 thru 04/03/2026 in the amount of \$44,601.15
 - C. Approval of bills to be paid 04/10/2026 in the amount of \$18,744.31

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or to accept all items in the Consent Agenda except the item withdrawn.

Move to accept all items in the Consent Agenda as presented:
Motion Gary Gillis; Second Greg Ranney.
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 Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.
8. Executive Director's Report: The ED mentioned that he and Commissioner Ranney had a good meeting with JFL. The ED is working on a memo for the Board to discuss at the April 23 meeting
9. Staff Reports: The Superintendent of IRVSRA mentioned that they will be taking donations starting Monday for the rummage sale that will be held April 24-26.
10. Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Walraven asked if we are storing construction material for the Court Street project? The ED said yes in order to help out the City and contractor with staging. She then asked for how long? The ED did not know for sure. For a majority of the projects duration most likely.
11. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Update on the agreement with PCHS District 303.
Commissioner McMillan indicated that they had another meeting with PCHS. They are going back to their Board at a special meeting on April 13 to discuss our requests.
 - B. Update on the referendum voter survey.
The ED indicated that he received a rough draft of the survey and sent it to Commissioners Gillis and McMillan, the Supt. of Rec., the Supt. of Marketing and Communications, and the Business Mgr. for review and comments. This is the group that met with aQity Research on the referendum arguments for and against. Comments, edits and suggestions were sent to aQity and they are now working on the final version. Commissioner Ranney asked if we are including the school districts in Tazewell County referendum question for the County sales tax into the survey. The ED said it is.
 - C. Discussion regarding the reorganization of the Board in April.
The ED reminded the Board that the reorganization of the Board occurs at the next meeting. He mentioned that it would be good to keep Art Krile on as Treasurer since it will be his 50th year. He also mentioned that Commissioner Ranney is interested in being on the Pekin Park Foundation Board to replace Commissioner Cain who is stepping down. The ED asked the Board to be considering the other positions to be filled.

12. New Business: None

13. Closed Session

A. Move to convene into closed session under Open Meetings Act Section 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

Motion Mike Dralle; Second Gary Gillis.
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 5:46 p.m.

B. Move to reconvene into open session.

Motion Kristen Walraven; Second Greg Ranney.
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 6:41 p.m.

14. Adjourn.

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a voice call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.
Chip Hill
Board Secretary
Pekin Park District