



PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of
The Regular Board Meeting of Park Commissioners
5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2026
Robert N. Blackwell Admin Building
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order. President Dralle 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, Gary Gillis, Kyle Cain, Kristen Walraven and Steve Sours. Commissioners absent were: Sue McMillan. Also, in attendance were: 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: Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Chip Hill, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Tony Maxison, Chief of Park Police; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; and Cory Proehl, Director of Golf.
4. Additions to and/or deletions from the agenda, if any.
Commissioner Gillis moved that we remove item #9, the Executive Director Report, from the agenda. The motion was second by Kyle Cain. All ayes by a roll call vote. Motion carried.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of May 14, 2026 meeting minutes.

B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 05/08/26 thru 5/26/26 in the amount of \$167,016.60.

C. Approval of bills to be paid 05/29/26 in the amount of \$47,706.74.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or to accept all items in the Consent Agenda except the item withdrawn.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

All ayes by a voice call vote - Motion carried.

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

Move Greg Ranney; Second Steve Sours.

All ayes by a roll call vote - Motion carried.

7. Park Foundation Report:

Commissioner Gillis gave the following report of the Foundation meeting held on May 18. The election of officers took place and there were no changes. There was a PAV update. No additional revenue has been received. There was discussion regarding recognizing donors. They reviewed the by-laws. There was a Learning Garden update and the name has been changed to Parkside Garden. There was discussion on the investment policy and amending it. A potential Marigold fundraising opportunity was discussed. More to come on that. They discussed crafting a 'bench policy.' And they welcomed Greg Ranney to the Board.

8. Fair Board Representative Report: None due to absence of the Executive Director.

9. Executive Director's Report: None; Item removed from agenda.

10. Attorney's Report: None

11. Staff Reports:

The Supt. of Recreation thanked everyone for coming to the soft opening of DragonLand. The Supt. of IRVSRA said that camp starts Monday. The Miller Center Administrator said the Pekin Farmers Market starts next week on Thursday.

12. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis said someone requested poop bags for the dog training area. He also mentioned 250th banners for the Park.
Commissioner Ranney said someone called about not being able to see the Dirksen Statue when driving by on 14th street. He also mentioned that someone called about trailhead markers at McNaughton. Commissioner Sours mentioned that there is graffiti at Blenkiron Park. He also said there was a broken ceiling fan at one of the indoor pickle ball courts.
Commissioner Dralle commended all the staff saying they are not recognized enough, and to please pass along to employees.
Commissioner Cain congratulated the Supt. of IRVSRA on passing the CTRS certification test.

13. Unfinished Business:

A. Discussion of the intergovernmental agreement with PCHS District 303.

Commissioner Ranney stated he and Commissioner McMillan will meet with 303 sometime in the next two weeks to finalize golf & tennis, and then vote on amendment and accept it.

B. Discussion of scheduling Saturday morning special meeting(s).

The following commissioners indicated what Saturdays they are NOT available.

Commissioner Sours: 6/27

Commissioner Dralle: 6/13; 7/25

Commissioner Walraven: no June (only available 7/25 & 8/1)

Commissioner Cain: 6/22 – 7/1; 8/1

14. New Business: None.

15. 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, and Section 120/2 (c) (6) to discuss the acquisition or lease of real property or the selling or rental price of real estate owned by the public body; and Section 120/2 (c) (21) discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 5:27 p.m.

- B. Move to reconvene into open session.
Motion Greg Ranney; Second Steve Sours.
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 6:30 p.m.
16. Move to approve the March 14, 2026 Closed Session Minutes.
- This item was tabled due to Executive Director being absent and no minutes presented.
17. Adjourn.
- Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a voice call vote - Motion carried.
Time: 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.
Ericka Davis
Assistant Board Secretary, Pekin Park District