



## PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of  
The Regular Board Meeting of Park Commissioners  
6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 20, 2025  
Robert N. Blackwell Admin Building  
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order. President McMillan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll call.  
The following Commissioners were present: Sue McMillan, Greg Ranney, Mike Dralle, Kyle Cain, and Kristen Walraven. Commissioners absent were: Gary Gillis and Steve Sours. Also, in attendance were: Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; Chip Hill, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Ericka Davis, Superintendent of Human Resources & Risk Management; Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; and Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Tony Maxison, Chief of Park Police; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator; and Lane Alster, Park District Attorney. Staff absent were: Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications and Shawna Burnice, Superintendent of IRV/SRA.
4. Additions to and/or deletions from the Agenda, if any. None.
5. Public Comments: None.
6. Consent Agenda:
  - A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2025
  - B. Approval of the bills and payroll for 11/01/25 thru 11/14/25 in the amount of \$55,953.96
  - C. Approval of the bills to paid 11/21/25 in the amount of \$43,196.75

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or to accept all items in the Consent Agenda except the item withdrawn.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 Mike Dralle; 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 Mike Dralle; Second Greg Ranney.  
All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

8. Budget Summary Report: Through September 30, 2025  
The ED asked the Board if they had any questions pertaining to the report. There were none. The ED did stat that starting in 2026, they will get back to a more detailed report highlighting certain funds and accounts as has been done in the past.
9. Fair Board Representative Report:  
Commissioner McMillan mentioned that the Board voted in a new Board member, Lisa Dupureur. They reviewed the Treasurer’s report and more monies were transferred back into the Building Expo fund which in turn allowed the Fair Board to reimburse the Park District more for the Men’s Restroom Project. The monies remaining will be used to purchase some table or chairs. The Election of Officers took place. The Executive Committee is remaining the same with the addition of Kassie Eitenmiller as the Assistant Treasurer to learn the process and eventually take over for Dick Ronna. The Board created a committee to review the bylaws and get them updated.
10. Pekin Park Foundation Report:  
Commissioner Cain mentioned that the Foundation is placing an ad in the Hometown Voice. A year end giving ad. The Board approved being the sponsor for the summer concert/party series the Recreation Department is planning. Three at the Performing Arts Venue and one at Rotary Park. The hope is to have a fifth one, Dueling Pianos, at the PAV. There was a recent donation of \$49,000 to the Foundation for the PAV. There have also been some other donations recently, including CAT matches.
11. Executive Director’s Report:  
The ED mentioned that Blazin’ A Trail Riding and Boarding has moved out of the stables, except for the mobile home which is planned to be moved out of there. Dead Broke Ranch has started cleaning up and removing items in preparation of their renovations. Commissioner Walraven asked who is cleaning out the stables. The ED said it was volunteers consisting

of family, friends, contractor in-kind, etc The ED mentioned that we have a RFP out for our beverage services. The ED attended the City's ZBA meeting regarding the site plan for phase one of the Epic Pharma Solutions development south of the sports complex. He also mentioned that the Parks Department is in the process of repairing the Pavilion deck/fishing pier. Except for the railings, it is a complete rebuild. He also mentioned a thank you note received from the Tazewell County Veterans Assistance Commission for the Park District providing bleachers on Veterans Day. And he mentioned a thank you from Dan Englebright for out support of their annual Brett Englebright Memorial 3 on 3 Tournament which raised money for the Concussion Legacy Foundation, local youth hockey programs and Brett Englebright Scholarship Fund.

12. Attorney's Report: None.

13. Staff Reports: None.

14. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Dralle asked if we had any leads on the Dragon light display vandalism? The Park Police Chief said yes and that he received an update today. Commissioner Walraven asked if we could press charges? Yes, we can. Commissioner Ranney asked how long does it take to setup? The Supt. of Parks said it can take a week or more to set up all the stakes, lights, trees, etc. Commissioner McMillan asked if there was a way to set up trail cameras. Yes, we could do that but it would take a lot of time to go through the footage. There was a lengthy discussion on getting cameras installed at strategic locations and certain facilities. Staff will look into this. It was also mentioned that the new story caught the Commissioners off-guard and reminded the ED that they need to be informed when something like this occurs. Commissioner Walraven asked if we could please post something when there is a resolution to the light vandalism? Yes, we can. Commissioner McMillan mentioned that her and Commissioner Ranney have a meeting scheduled with District 303 on December 2.

15. Unfinished Business: None.

16. New Business:

A. Presentation of the health insurance renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield.

The Supt. of HR and Risk Management went over the health insurance premium renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield. It has gone up 25%. She mentioned that Unland did shop around but other carriers were coming in with even higher rates. To make sure that the 80/20% coverage of the Park District and employees remains, optional higher

deductible/out of pocket plans have been presented to staff so that they can make a decision on what works best for them. These optional plans limit the amount of the premium increase.

B. Presentation of the 2026 Special Populations Fund: Miller Center and Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association.

The ED presented the IRVSRA budget highlighting major changes to the budget as compared to last year. The Miller Center Administrator did the same. Both highlighted the 2026 goals for each Department. Commissioner Ranney asked why the grant funds from the City's Tourism Committee were reduced last year? The Supt. of Recreation who sits on the committee stated that they want the funds to go to things that bring in hotel stays. That is the main reason.

C. Presentation of the 2026 Park Police Fund. The Park Police Chief presented the Park Police budget highlighting major changes to the budget as compared to last year. He also reviewed the Department's goals for 2026. Commissioner Dralle asked what the line item 911 Communications is? It is for dispatch services.

D. Discussion of the Pekin Park District Board of Commissioners Schedule of Monthly Board Meetings For Calendar Year 2026. The ED reviewed the proposed schedule. It was decided to do the Parks and Facilities Tour on June 11, a regularly scheduled meeting, but to start the meeting at 5:30. The Board was also okay with meeting only once in February. The ED will finalize the schedule and have it on the next meeting's agenda for approval.

17. 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) (11) to discuss litigation, when action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed or when the public body finds that an action is probably or imminent; 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 Greg Ranney; Second Mike Dralle.  
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.  
Time: 7:32 p.m.

B. Move to reconvene into open session.

Motion Kristen Walraven; Second Sue McMillan.  
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.  
Time: 7:59 p.m.

18. Move to approve the November 6, 2025 closed session Minutes.

Motion Mike Dralle; Second Sue McMillan.  
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.

19. Adjourn:

Motion Greg Ranney; Second Sue McMillan.  
All ayes by a voice call vote- Motion carried.  
Time: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Chip Hill  
Board Secretary  
Pekin Park District