



PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of
The Regular Board Meeting of Park Commissioners
6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 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 Gary Gillis. Commissioners absent were: Kristen Walraven 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; Shawn Powers, Superintendent of Recreation; Cory Proehl, Director of Golf; Keith Knox, Parkside Fitness Manager; Casey Smith, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications; Shawna Burnice, Superintendent of IRVSRA; and Mike Seghetti, Park District Attorney. Staff absent were: Scott Clausen, Superintendent of Parks; Tony Maxison, Chief of Park Police; and Alisha Dault, Miller Center Administrator.
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 20, 2025.
 - B. Approval of the October's Treasurer's Report
 - C. Approval of the bills and payroll for 11/15/25 thru 12/01/25 in the amount of \$253,218.08.
 - D. Approval of bills to be paid 12/05/25 in the amount of \$18,540.63.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or to accept all items in the Consent Agenda except the item withdrawn.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

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 Greg Ranney; Second Gary Gillis.

All ayes by a roll call vote – Motion carried.

8. Executive Director's Report: The ED reminded the Board of the do's and don'ts of e-mail communication as it pertains to the Open Meetings Act.

9. Attorney's Report: None.

10. Staff Reports:

Commissioner McMillan asked how much we used to pay Carrier for the maintenance and repair at the Arena for the ice rink? The Supt. of Rec. said around \$4,100/quarter. She then asked how much will we be paying Helm? Around \$3,700/quarter. The questions was asked why we changed? The main reason was that Carrier's new price was going to be more than what it currently is. Helm currently takes care of our dehumidification systems, as well as our water park pumps and heaters and have been good to work with.

The Supt. of IRVSRA reminded the Board that the SRA Christmas Live show is this Saturday, 12/13, at 6:30 p.m.

11. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Gillis thanked the Parkside Fitness Manager for putting a sign out acknowledging the Park Park Foundation for their assistance with the newer equipment.

Commissioner McMillan mentioned that her and Greg Ranney met with Ryan Wrigley and Manda Brown of District 303 to discuss our relationship and the agreement. The meeting went very well and was productive. It appears that they will not be charging for use of the track and indoor pool because they do not want to see programs go away. The ED asked Commissioner McMillan to confirm this is the case so we can plan accordingly in the budget. He also asked her to check with District 303 if we can get the utilities switched over to them for Coal Miners' Park. Commissioner McMillan is to sit down with the Parkside Fitness Manager

to discuss our fees and process of scheduling we are proposing. Commissioner Ranney is to sit down with the Director of Golf to do the same. The Park District and District 303 will be scheduling a meeting in January to continue the discussion.

12. Unfinished Business:

- A. Presentation of the Community Wide Attitude and Interest Survey Results. The ED indicated that he will put together a summary of the results for review at the next meeting. We had close to a 4% return rate (273 responses out of around 6,900 sent out). We were hoping for a better return rate but felt we covered the District well demographically comparing some of the numbers to our 2017 survey. He did briefly go through the results highlighting what appears to be of more importance. The Supt. of Marketing and Communications explained the weighting of the questions and answers.
- B. Approval of the Pekin Park District Board of Commissioners Schedule of Monthly Board Meetings for Calendar Year 2026.

Commissioner Dralle asked the Board if the time could be changed to 5:00 instead of 6:00, and asked why it is at 6:00? The ED said it was probably set at 6:00 to allow those that work time to be able to get to the meeting on time. He said it was up to the Board as to when they want to meet. He suggested that they split the difference and have the meetings start at 5:30 instead.

A motion was made by Mike Dralle to approve the schedule but to change the time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Second by Greg Ranney. All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.

13. New Business:

- A. Presentation of the 2026 Racquet and Health Fund.
The Parkside Fitness Manager presented the Racquet and Health Fund budget highlighting major changes to the budget as compared to last year. Also presented was a slight increase (5%) to the membership rates, a 5% rate increase for junior tennis lessons, a 10% rate increase for private tennis lessons, and an increase to the club annual fee. We should start to see a reduction in our electric bill once the solar array is on-line. He also reviewed the Department's goals for 2026.
- B. Presentation of the 2026 Golf Fund.
The Director of Golf presented the Golf Fund budget highlighting major changes to the budget as compared to last year. Also presented was a

slight increase to the green fees, as well as the golf passes and coupon books. They are budgeting to renovate the on-course restrooms at Lick Creek and Parkview. The work will be done in-house by the Parks staff. They are replacing the Kubota tractor they purchased last year with a newer model that does not have the diesel particulate filter that caused us problems. The dealer worked with us on trade-in and cost. He also reviewed the Department's goals for 2026.

- C. Presentation of the property liability, cyber liability and worker's compensation insurance renewals.
The Supt. of HR and Risk Management reviewed the renewal rates for the Park District's liability renewal. Property liability came around the same as last year's. Cyber liability saw a slight decrease. Worker's compensation saw an increase as was expected due to some of the open claims we have. Overall, the fund went up around 5.5%.
- D. Presentation of the 2025 Tax Levy Draft.
The ED reviewed the proposed levy draft. The CPI was down this year from last year (2.9% as compared to 3.4%). The tax rate went from .54472 to .55703, and the estimated tax to be paid went up around \$4.00

14. 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 Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 7:35 p.m.

- B. Move to reconvene into open session.

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Kyle Cain.
All ayes by a roll call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 7:56 p.m.

15. Move to approve the November 20, 2025 closed session Minutes. A motion was not made as the ED did not have the minutes completed. The minutes will be approved after the next Closed Session.

16. Adjourn:

Motion Mike Dralle; Second Greg Ranney.
All ayes by a voice call vote- Motion carried.
Time: 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.
Chip Hill
Board Secretary
Pekin Park District