

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the November 17, 2025 Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President, Gary Gillis. The meeting was held at the Pekin Park District Board Room. Directors present were: Cameron Bettin, Gary Gillis, Joe Warning, Jack Steger, Kyle Cain, Kendra McDaniels, Buster Hanley, Scott Kriegsman, and Dennis Green.

Absent: Director: Jack Steger

Also present: Chip Hill and Shawn Powers

Minutes

Buster moved to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2025 meeting. Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chip Hill provided the Treasurer's Report through November 17, 2025 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$739,550.15 . Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$190,876.46; James Field Restricted \$7,160.77; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$235,976.84); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$16,963.98; Baseball Restricted (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$708.87; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$15,858.24; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$5,620.25; Tom Elliott Park Improvement & Enhancement Fund \$4,293.40; Foundation Endowment \$600,000.00; Unrestricted Funds \$128,682.28

There were twelve bills presented for payment totaling \$6,391.84. Five bills were to be paid as reimbursements to the Park District. They are as follows: \$1,500.00 Winter Wonderland Donation; \$631.00 Selective Insurance, D&O Renewal; \$450.00 NAPF, Annual Membership Renewal; \$1,000.00, 2025 Farmers Market Sponsorship and \$204.02 Gordon Foods, LCK Supplies, Two bills were reimbursements to the Park to be charged to the PAV account: \$30.00 for a

Thermometer Banner and \$38.33 for Facebook Ad. A reimbursement from the Pickleball account amounted to \$613.65 for Pickleball Supplies. Two reimbursements were to be paid from the Jr. Golf Fund: \$11.67 for Funky Monkey Supplies and \$1,089.53 for River Cup Expense. There was one invoice presented by Roanoke Concrete for \$656.59 to be paid from the Miller Center account for the Miller Center Project. The last bill was from Trigard Memorials in the amount of \$167.05 for a Memorial Plaque to be paid from the account for Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. A motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Kyle to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion carried. Cameron also reported on \$2,500.00 received from the Enterprise Foundation.

No one was present for Public Comment.

Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – None.

New Business

- A. Discussion of Concert Sponsorship for 2026 --- Shawn Powers discussed the Recreation Department's plans for concerts in the new Performing Arts Venue. He described the entertainment they were attempting to secure and ended his presentation with a request that the Park Foundation sponsor the concerts for the entire season at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00. After considerable discussion, Dennis moved to support the concert series for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Buster seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Review of Ad Appearing in the December Issue of Hometown Voice --- Gary explained that the proposed ad promoting the Foundation would be seen by 32,000 people. The cost for the ad is \$460.00. Scott moved to purchase the ad for the December 1st edition with a second by Kyle. Motion carried.

C. 2026 Meeting Calendar --- Cameron distributed a proposed meeting calendar for 2026. Buster moved to approve the calendar with a second by Scott. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, the President called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kyle and seconded by Kendra. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, December 15, 2025

