

# Pekin Park Foundation

## Minutes of the March 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, Scott Kriegsman, Kyle Cain, and Dennis Green.

Absent: Director: Buster Hanley

Also present: Chip Hill and Kendra McDaniels

President Gary Gillis welcomed Kendra McDaniels to the Board. Jack made a motion, seconded by Scott, to appoint Kendra to the Board pending Park Board approval. Motion carried.

## Minutes

Scott Kriegsman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting. Joe Warning seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report through March 17, 2025 show a balance of all accounts amounting to \$908,674.50. Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$203,533.05; James Field Restricted \$7,160.77; Larry's Casting Kids (\$720.88); Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$179,270.78); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$9,914.03; Baseball Restricted (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; Restricted for Parkside \$500.00; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$1,322.52; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$18,256.03; Terry Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$5,120.25; Tom Elliott Park Improvement & Enhancement Fund \$4,293.40; Foundation Endowment \$600,000.00; designated for Dog Park Improvements \$3,016.44; Unrestricted Funds \$233,703.37.

The Treasurer presented three bills for payment totaling \$1,856.07. The first is a payment to Quinn Johnston amounting to \$120.00 for the Illinois Annual Report

prep. The second bill was \$700.00 for the 990 Schedule A prep to be paid to Hjerpe & Tennison. The third payment was to the City of Marquette Heights in the amount of \$1,036.07 for the Justin Hamilton Disc Golf Memorial Donations.

Scott moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dennis moved to pay the bills as presented. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No one was present for Public Comment.

## Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – It was reported that the facility passed inspection. The contractor plans to do the seeding. The Park District plans to do a walk-through.

B. 2025 Special Event --- Shawn signed the contract for the special event to be held June 7th as a grand opening of the Performing Arts Venue, as approved previously by this Board. A \$5,000.00 down-payment is due May 7th. Total cost of the event is \$10,000.00. Scott moved to approve the sponsorship. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## New Business

A. Request for Parkside Fitness Equipment --- Jack Steger addressed the request for funds by making a motion to make a 90 day short-term loan to the Park District for the purchase of fitness equipment for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 with the Business Manager authorized to draw funds against the loan as needed. Scott Kriegsman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. "A Sunken Garden Story" presented by Gary Gillis --- Gary reported that the site currently known as the Sunken Garden located at Court and Fourteenth Streets was sold to the Park District in 1911 for \$500.00. The Pekin Pilot Club along with others in the community raised funds in 1966 to build the fountain. With the help of a federal grant, \$41,292.00 was raised for the project. Gary said the project was completed in 1970 and dedicated in 1972.

## 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 Jack and seconded by Kyle. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025