

# Pekin Park Foundation

## Minutes of the February 19, 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, Buster Hanley, Scott Kriegsman, Kyle Cain, and Dennis Green.

Absent: Director: Jack Steger

Also present: Chip Hill, Shawn Powers from the Pekin Park District, Rich Kriegsman representing the Performing Arts Pavilion Committee and Park Board Attorney, Mike Seghetti

## Minutes

Scott Kriegsman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting. Kyle Cain seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Joe Warning provided the Treasurer's Report through February 19, 2025 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$916,805.11. 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 Millr Memorial) \$434.65; Restricted for Parkside \$500.00; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$1,322.52; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$18,131.02; 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 \$241,958.98.

Joe presented four bills for payment totaling \$91,379.84. The first is a reimbursement to the Pekin Park District amounting to \$59.07 for the 2025 Board Meeting legal notice. The second bill was \$164.27 for the Milburn Plaque to be

paid from the Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. account. The last two bills to be paid from the Performing Arts Venue account were \$78,210.00 to William Aupperle & Sons for Payment #4 and Payment #5 amounting to \$12,946.50.

Dennis moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented.

Kyle seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

No one was present for Public Comment.

## Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – It was reported that there is one more payment expected for construction. Currently the project is about \$180,000,00 short in fundraising. Rich Kriegsman discussed the status of one large pledge that had not been received. Dedication of the facility is planned for June 22<sup>nd</sup> with the first band concert of the season. The Fogelberg Family had been contacted regarding the performance of a commissioned piece on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

B. 2025 Special Event --- Discussion continued regarding the Park Foundation's role in sponsoring a summer event similar to the Bicentennial Bash last year. Shawn Powers discussed having a Grand Opening for the PAV on June 7<sup>th</sup> with a Backstreet Band Porch Party and Fun on the Run activities and a Laser Light Show. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Kyle to authorize Shawn to pay the \$500.00 downpayment to book the event. Motion carried.

## New Business

A. Consideration of Candidates to Replace Retired Director, Jim Ruth A brief discussion was held regarding potential Directors to fill the vacant position. It was agreed to approach Kendra McDaniels regarding filling the vacated position.

B. Update on Outer Parks Benefactor --- Gary reported that a couple of weeks ago he shared a site plan with the potential benefactor who is a preservationist with a special interest in McNaughton Park.

## 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 Buster and seconded by Kyle. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2025



