

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the December 15, 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, and Dennis Green.

Absent: Director: Scott Kriegsman

Also present: Chip Hill

Minutes

Kyle moved to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2025 meeting. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chip Hill provided the Treasurer's Report through December 15, 2025 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$775,365.44 . Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$190,016.60; James Field Restricted \$7,160.77; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$186,702.60); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; Restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$17,503.98; 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 \$115,543.19

There were seven bills presented for payment totaling \$22,038.62 . one bill was to be paid as reimbursements to the Park District for D&O Renewal amounting to \$631.00. Two others were also to be paid from the General Account as well. They are as follows: \$322.00 to Auto Owners Insurance for GL Policy Premium and \$20,000.00 to Pekin Park District. A bill from McDaniels Marketing amounting to

\$225.76 for September Facebook Clicks was to be charged to the PAV account.

There were three bills to be paid from the Miller Center account for work on the construction project. They were as follows: Roanoke Concrete \$619.64; A to Z Rental \$40.00 and Pekin Park District Reimbursement \$200.22.

Jack moved to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dennis moved to pay the bills as presented. Buster seconded the motion which also passed

No one was present for Public Comment.

Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – Cameron reported that he had received a request to install bike racks.

New Business

- A. Discussion of the Music Performance Grants offered by the Levitt Foundation --- Dennis discussed the Levitt AMP Music Series Grant program offering a multi-year matching grant to support free outdoor concerts in small to mid-size towns to enhance community engagement through music. Gary reported that Shawn Powers had received the application packet and was planning to apply for the grant on behalf of the Park Foundation. The grants are for up to \$120,000.00 with annual grants of up to \$40,000.00.
- B. Review of Park Foundation By-Laws --- Gary provided sample amendments that would allow Directors to vote by e-mail. Cameron recommended making all changes to the By-Laws at one time. It was agreed to address the By-Laws at the March Foundation meeting. General discussion followed.

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 Dennis and seconded by Kyle. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

