

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the May 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, Jack Steger, Scott Kriegsman, Kyle Cain, Buster Hanley and Dennis Green.

Absent: Director: Kendra McDaniel

Also present: Chip Hill and Rich Kriegsman

Annual Meeting

The first order of business for the Annual Meeting is the election of officers. Kyle Cain presented a slate of the current officers to be re-elected for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Jack Steger seconded the motion. A vote was taken to re-elect Gary Gillis as President, Scott Kriegsman as Vice President, Dennis Green as Secretary and Joe Warning as Treasurer. Motion carried.

The second order of business was review of the Ethics Pledge. Buster Hanley moved to approve the pledge with a second by Kyle Cain. Motion carried. Cameron will send out copies of the pledge to be signed by the Directors. That concluded the Annual Meeting. President Gillis proceeded with the Regular May Meeting.

Minutes

Jack moved to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting and the April 21, 2025 meeting. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Warning and Chip Hill provided the Treasurer's Report through May 19, 2025 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$633,914.97. 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 (\$261,427.98); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$12,914.03; Baseball Restricted (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; Restricted for Parkside \$500.00; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$1,322.52; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$17,487.08; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$5,620.25; Tom Elliott Park Improvement & Enhancement Fund \$4,293.40; Foundation Endowment \$600,000.00; designated for Dog Park Improvements \$3,016.44; Unrestricted Funds \$38,369.99.

Dennis moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kyle seconded the motion which carried unanimously. There were five bills presented for payment. A bill for \$10,000 was presented for payment out of the General Fund to Laser Encore, Inc. For the laser light show at the Porch Party. A bill from W. Aupperle & Sons, Inc. amounting to \$110,507.20 was presented as final payment for the PAV construction. The last three bills were from All Star Pro Golf in the amount of \$1,108.49 for Jr. Golf Supplies; Preferred Product Group in the amount of \$588.00 for Jr. Golf Embroidery on Hats and Lick Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$1,349.98 for IRVSRA Learn to Golf program. All three bills are to be paid from the Jr. Golf Fund.

Jack moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No one was present for Public Comment.

Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – It was reported that the ribbon cutting for the PAV was scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd. It was noted that \$15,000 had been received from CEFCU along with the Caterpillar \$9,000.00 match for Don Jackson's donation. Rich Kriegsman provided an update on fundraising stating that continued support would be encouraged at the first band concert of the season as well as making a plea for donations on social media.

New Business

A. PAV Donor Recognition --- Drafting a letter to PAV donors was discussed. No action was taken.

- B. Potential Benefactor for Outlying Parks --- Gary discussed conversations he has had with a benefactor interested in supporting McNaughton Park. The individual is interested in donating their home near the park to the Park District, hopefully for use by the Park District. An agreement between the parties will be drafted. No action is required at this time.
- C. Pekin Park District History --- Gary presented information to the Board regarding the establishment of the Park District and the creation of Mineral Springs 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 Kyle and seconded by Buster. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2025

