

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the October 20, 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

Jack moved to approve the Minutes of the June and July, 2025 meetings. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chip Hill provided the Treasurer's Report through September 30, 2025 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$707,595.10 . Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$191,533.05; James Field Restricted \$7,160.77; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$235,908.51); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$13,481.03; Baseball Restricted (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$1,322.52; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$14,959.44; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$5,620.25; Tom Elliott Park Improvement & Enhancement Fund \$4,293.40; Foundation Endowment \$600,000.00; Unrestricted Funds \$99,770.41.

There were five bills presented for payment totaling \$101,008.01. One bill was presented for the PAV account from McDaniels Marketing: \$478.97 for Facebook clicks for July/August A bill was received from Fehr Graham in the amount of \$12,00.00 to be paid from the Miller Center account for ADA Concept and Design work. The other three bills to be paid from the General Account were as follows:

Life Fitness \$14,480.53; Direct Fitness Solutions \$10,872.51 and Woodway USA \$63,176.00. All were for purchases of New Equipment by Parkside.

Chip also discussed Loans made by the Foundation and donations received. He also reported that Miller Center would receive \$279,000.00 through the County Clerk's office to improve the building as a polling site. Buster moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No one was present for Public Comment.

Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – An update was provided on contributions that continue to come in.

B. McNaughton Park Benefactor --- Gary reported that the potential donor was advised to document their plans for support of the parks.

New Business

A. Discussion Regarding Community Learning Garden --- It was reported that there was a Community Learning Garden situated in front of the arena on a small plot of land that has enjoyed the support of a large number of organizations. The project would like to expand, so there was some discussion of moving the garden to space near the Depot. Dennis made a motion seconded by Kyle to adopt the expansion of the Community Learning Garden as a Park Foundation project. 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 Joe. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2025

