

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the March 16, 2026 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, Kendra McDaniels, Buster Hanley, Jack Steger, Scott Kriegsman and Dennis Green.

Absent: None

Also present: Chip Hill

Minutes

Scott moved to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2026 meeting as there was no February meeting for lack of a quorum. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chip Hill provided the Treasurer's Report through March 16, 2026 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$769,404.73 . Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$187,789.68; James Field Restricted \$7,160.77; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$169,552.74); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; Restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$17,165.11; Baseball Restricted (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$708.87; Learning Garden \$1,950.88.; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$15,858.24; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$5,470.65; Tom Elliott Park Improvement & Enhancement Fund \$4,293.40; Foundation Endowment \$600,000.00; Unrestricted Funds \$93,636.00. There were six bills to be paid: One from the PAV Fund from Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$772..50 for Professional Services (Invoice missed 7/25). Four bills are to be paid from the Learning Center Fund with three being reimbursements to the Park District. Those were \$48.79 for Garden Supplies, \$178.19 for Deer Hardware Cloth and \$135.94 for Garden Supplies. The fourth bill was from Jason Vogel in the amount of \$121.20 for skid steer fuel and top soil. The final bill to be paid from the Pickleball

account amounted to \$708.87 for a Portable Pickleball Net. Bills totaled \$2,475.49.

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

No one was present for Public Comment.

Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – A financial update was provided. It was noted that things have been quiet recently with regards to the project.

B. Discussion of Plans to update and amend Foundation By-Laws --- Gary's proposals were presented. Cameron recommended splitting the By-Laws from the other policies such as the Investment Policy. The ability to meet electronically was also mentioned.

C. Learning Garden Update -- A report of current activities was provided.

New Business

A. Consideration of Farmers Market Sponsorship --- Scott moved that the Foundation become a Sponsor of the Farmers Market for 2026 at the \$1,000.00 level. Kyle seconded the motion . Motion carried.

B. Consideration of Winter Wonderland Sponsorship --- Scott moved and Jack seconded a motion for the Foundation to Sponsor the Winter Wonderland event for an amount of \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

C. Update on Miller Center Project with Request for More Funds --- Cameron provided an update on progress of the Miller Center improvements and requested additional funds to continue the work. Dennis moved with a second by Scott to approve additional funds to install a handrail and complete concrete work in an amount not to exceed \$2,300.00. Motion carried.

D. Discussion of Proposed Eagle Scout Project at James Field --- Jack made a

motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the purchase and application of mulch to be paid from the James Field Fund. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional discussion centered around potential plans to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and Foundation Board realignment. Kendra talked about plans in the community to encourage residents and organizations to plant more marigolds

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 Scott. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2026