

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the April 20, 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, Kyle Cain, Joe Warning, Kendra McDaniels, Scott Kriegsman and Dennis Green.

Absent: Directors Buster Hanley and Jack Steger

Also present: Chip Hill

Minutes

Scott moved to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2026 meeting. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Warning provided the Treasurer's Report through April 20, 2026 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$747,149.82 . Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$185,391.95; James Field Restricted \$7,160.77; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$157,852.74); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; Restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$19,764.61; Baseball Restricted (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$708.87; Learning Garden \$1,228.98.; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$15,858.24; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$5,470.65; Tom Elliott Park Improvement & Enhancement Fund \$4,293.40; Designated for Dog Park Improvements \$3,016.44; Foundation Endowment \$600,000.00; Unrestricted Funds \$60,201.22. There were fourteen 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). Eight bills are to be paid from the Learning Center Fund with reimbursements to the Park District for six invoices totaling \$ 388.12 .Two invoices were presented by Jason Vogel for reimbursement totaling \$333.78.

Three invoices were presented for payment from the Miller Center account. Two were reimbursements to the Park District totaling \$140.84 while a third bill was presented by LS Building Products amounting to \$2,256 .89. All were for the Handrail Project. An invoice from Hoerr Nursery amounting to \$ 400.50 was presented for payment from the Benches, Plaques and Pavers account for the purchase of memorial trees. The last two payments were sponsorships to be paid from the General account. They were \$1,500.00 to the Pekin Winter Wonderland and \$1,000.00 to the Miller Center for the Farmers Market.

Dennis moved and Scott seconded a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

No one was present for Public Comment.

Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue – It was reported that a few more donations had been received. Chip is updating the donors list and the banner.

B. Discussion of Plans to update and amend Foundation By-Laws --- Cameron reviewed the By-Laws amendments he presented. The recommendations were held over for approval at next month's meeting.

C. Learning Garden Update -- Signage was selected for the project from several samples offered by Gary.

New Business

A. Replacement of Benches at James Field --- Cameron reported that there are currently eight benches at James Field. He will secure a quote for replacements to be considered by the Board.

As a final comment, President Gillis reported that Kyle Cain will be stepping down from her role as a Park Foundation Director representing the Park Board. Her service on the Foundation Board is appreciated. The Park Board will appoint a replacement to join the Foundation Board at the May meeting.

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 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026

