

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the May 18, 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, Greg Ranney Joe Warning, Kendra McDaniels, Scott Kriegsman, Buster Hanley, Jack Steger and Dennis Green.

Absent: No one.

The meeting began with the Annual Organizational meeting. The first order of business was the election of officers for the year. Scott Kriegsman nominated Gary Gillis as President. Gary nominated Scott as Vice President and Scott moved to nominate Dennis Green as Secretary, with a second by Kendra. The slate of officers was presented for a vote and was approved unanimously.

The second item of business was the presentation of the Ethics Pledge for Board approval. Jack moved to approve the Ethics Pledge with a second by Buster. Motion carried. Having concluded the business of the Annual Meeting, President Gillis called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 meeting.

Minutes

Buster moved to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2026 meeting. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Warning provided the Treasurer's Report through May 18, 2026 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$769,062.96 . Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$185,391.95; James Field Restricted \$6,330.77; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$157,852.74); Lacrosse Restricted \$911.65; Restricted for Memorial Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$19,562.76; Baseball Restricted (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; Parkside Pickleball Restricted \$708.87; Learning Garden \$832.87.; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$15,678.44; 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 \$683,722.12. There is also \$127,769.18 due to the Foundation from Pekin Park District, unchanged from last month. There were eleven bills to be paid totaling \$5,457.76.: Seven were reimbursements from the Learning Garden Fund amounting to a total of \$396.11. An invoice from Allegra amounting to \$179.80 was to be paid from the Jr. Golf Fund for the Funky Monkey Banner. A bill from King Tree Specialists for \$830.00 was to be paid from the James Field Account while a bill for \$201.85 was to be paid from the Benches, Plaques and Pavers Account for the Boyd Bench Plaque. The last bill was from Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos for \$3,850.00 to cover the remaining balance of the Party @ PAV to be paid from the General Account.

A report was also provided regarding the Funky Monkey Golf Outing noting that \$2,440.00 was raised for the Jr. Golf Fund.

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 – Suggestions were made for how to recognize donors for the project. 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 – A name change was proposed for the garden. "Parkside Garden" was agreed upon by consensus.

New Business

A. Investment Policy --- This policy is intended to be approved along with the By-laws at the next meeting.

- B. Marigold Festival Presentation --- Scott Kriegsman, representing the Marigold Festival Committee, discussed the prospect of allowing alcohol in some form at the Marigold Festival. Scott said the committee had discussed the prospect as a way to attract more people to the event. He said they recognized that the Chamber of Commerce should not be the entity to offer a venue for adult beverages to be served so he was raising the matter with the Foundation to consider possibly finding a way to offer an option in an acceptable manner.

Cameron said the Superintendent of Parks would attend the June meeting to offer his thoughts on how to handle donations of benches and trees

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 Greg and seconded by Scott. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2026

