

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the June 15, 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, Kendra McDaniels, Scott Kriegsman, Buster Hanley, Jack Steger and Dennis Green.

Absent: Joe Warning.

Also Present: Chip Hill and Friends of Harmony members Bob Hazelman and Camille McCarty

The President moved to the Public Presentation to allow the Friends of Harmony to present a donation of \$3,000.00 to be used for the Performing Arts Pavilion. The presentation was made by Bob Hazelman, President and Camille McCarty. The Foundation members expressed appreciation for the donation.

Minutes

Buster moved to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chip Hill provided the Treasurer's Report through June 15, 2026 showing a balance of all accounts amounting to \$762,358.98 . Account balances are as follows: Miller Center Restricted \$185,391.95; James Field Restricted \$6,330.77; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund (\$156,392.74); 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 \$798.89.; Steve Funk Junior Golf Fund \$16,178.44; 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 \$75,092.12. There is also \$127,769.18 due to the Foundation from Pekin

Park District, unchanged from last month. There were two bills to be paid totaling \$148.98. One was a Pekin Park District Reimbursement amounting to \$33.98 for Garden Supplies to be paid from the Learning Garden Fund. The second bill was for \$115.00 to the Illinois Charity Bureau Fund for the Annual Report Filing Fee.

Chip reported on several donations that had been received.

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

Old Business

A. Bench Placement at James Field and some around the Lagoon --- Cameron presented quotes for new benches. After some discussion, Jack made a motion to purchase 10 benches. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried for the purchase to be paid for out of the Benches, Pavers and Plaques Fund.

B. Purchase of Foundation Banners --- Cameron requested the purchase of five new 8' by 4' banners for the Foundation at a cost of \$553.00. Scott moved to purchase the banners with a second by Jack Motion carried.

New Business

A. Discussion of Gift Catalog(Benches and Trees) --- Cameron responded to the Park Superintendent's comments regarding the difficulty of planting trees and maintaining benches.

B. Dead Broke Ranch --- Cameron made a presentation on the improvements that are being made at the riding stable located at McNaughton Park. He said the new managers would like to solicit donations to help with improvements in addition to their own funds that have been committed to the project. They are requesting that the Foundation set up a fund to receive donations on their behalf. Dennis moved to set up the fund. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Final comments: Scott reported that he is making progress in researching the possibility of serving alcohol at the Marigold Festival. He plans to report on his findings at the next meeting. It was also reported that the Learning Garden is going good.

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 Jack and seconded by Greg. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2026

