

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President, Gary Gillis, at 4:03 p.m. This meeting was held in person at the Park District Board room. Directors present were: Cameron Bettin, Scott Kriegsman, Gary Gillis, Dennis Green, Jim Ruth and Jack Steger.

Absent was: Director Kyle Cain

Also present was Treasurer, Chip Hill and Val Moehle

Minutes

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting was made by Jack Steger. Jim Ruth seconded the motion which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Chip provided the Treasurer's Report that accounted for fund balances totaling \$1,013,703.34 as of 1/31/2021. The fund balances were as follows: Miller Center \$213,119.57; James Field \$7,160.77; Larry's Casting Kids \$5,322.08; Depot Restoration Fund \$500.00; Sundial Maintenance \$620.15; Baseball Fund (Barry Miller Memorial) \$1,172.00; IRVSRA \$1,644.73; Restricted for Parkside \$200.00; Steve Funk Junior Golf \$17,494.87; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$6,097.25; Tom Elliott Park Improvement and Enhancement Fund \$1,342.39; Foundation Endowment \$4,670.00; Miller Center Trip Fund \$0.00; Dog Park Improvement Fund \$6,000.00 and Unrestricted Funds \$748,359.53.

No were bills presented for approval.

A motion was made by Scott Kriegsman and seconded by Jim Ruth to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No one was present from the public.

Old Business

Foundation bylaws with regards to recruitment of Foundation Board members was discussed. It was noted that Park Board approval was required before seating a new Director. The procedure for securing approval was discussed. It was reported that the Annual Meeting for the Foundation is in May and at that time, according to the bylaws, alternating terms would need to be decided.

Continued Discussion of the Recruitment of New Board Members resulted in Directors reporting that Emily Lamb and Baylee Gambetti were both interested in joining the Board but not at this time due to other commitments.

New Business

Acceptance of Val Moehle as a New Board Member --- Jim Ruth introduced Val and she proceeded to talk about herself and her interest in joining the Board. Val related her experience working with other foundations that would be helpful to the Park Foundation. Jim made a motion to accept Val as a new board member pending Park Board approval. Jack seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding Marketing the Foundation --- Jim mentioned creating a new brochure. Development of a marketing plan was discussed with regards to whether the plan should be developed in-house or by an agency.

Cameron provided a “State of the Park District” presentation discussing projects that were completed or are in progress for the water slide and pool along with the ice rink. He mentioned repairs that had to be made due to the Parkside tennis courts being flooded. He discussed the Natural Resources grant that would be used for improvements in Mineral Springs Park. Improvements to the skate park were mentioned along with plans to replace the playground, boat docks on the lagoon and replacement of the Royal Avenue restrooms. He also explained the funding mechanism used to pay for the improvements and repairs.

Cameron reported that the playgrounds had been removed at Southside and Kiwanis North parks. He said a resident survey was expected to guide improvements to the parks.

Discussion Regarding Establishment of an Annual Spending Budget --- Jim had suggested the idea thinking it would be nice to have some idea of how much we could spend on projects so we could plan ahead. The amount of funds invested and the likely returns were discussed. Jack suggested that we consider spending a percentage of the income rather than a set dollar amount. The thought was floated that the Annual Meeting would be a good time to consider a “wish list” of projects for the upcoming year.

Review of proposal from Stuber Landscaping regarding Tree Replacement Program --- Cameron discussed the difficulty in getting trees started at the Sports Complex. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: April 19, 2021