

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the July 19, 2021 Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Acting President, Gary Gillis, at 4:00 p.m. This meeting was held in person at the Park District Board room. Directors present were: Cameron Bettin, Kyle Cain, Gary Gillis, Dennis Green, Val Moehle, and Jim Ruth.

Absent were: Directors Jack Steger and Scott Kriegsman

Also absent was Treasurer, Chip Hill

Minutes

Jim Ruth moved to approve the minutes for the June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting. Kyle Cain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chip provided the Treasurer's Report that accounted for fund balances totaling \$1,037,560.89 as of 7/14/2021. The fund balances were as follows: Miller Center \$211,192.48; James Field \$7,160.77; Larry's Casting Kids \$5,322.08; Depot Restoration Fund \$500.00; Sundial Maintenance \$620.15; Arena Ice Rink Boards \$24,702.50; Baseball Fund (Barry Miller Memorial) \$1,172.00; IRVSRA \$0.00; Restricted for Parkside \$500.00; 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 \$5,004.70 and Unrestricted Funds \$751,781.70.

Two bills were presented for approval: One was a payment to the Pekin Trophy House in the amount of \$150.00 for a plaque for the Marg Melchers bench. The second bill in the amount of \$65.00 was to be paid to Quinn Johnston for

preparation of the 2021 Annual Report.

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

Dennis Green moved to pay the bills while Jim Ruth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No one was present from the public.

Old Business

A proposed "Request for Funds" form was presented for consideration. Jim made a motion to approve the form entitled "Proposed Use of Designated Gift or Established Foundation Funds". Kyle seconded the motion. After some discussion, Jim amended his motion to include add a time line for the use of the funds along with identification of other funds available. The amendment also included a suggestion to add the name of the project to the form. Kyle seconded the amended motion and the motion carried upon a voice vote.

A report was presented regarding the status of the Arena Ice Rink Replacement Project. It was revealed that \$55,456.50 had been raised toward the cost of the project to date.

New Business

Several requests for funds were received for consideration:

The Park District submitted Pavilion Porch Request #2 in the amount of \$197.55 to be paid from Unrestricted Funds. A motion to approve the request was made by Jim and seconded by Kyle. Motion carried.

A request was made to fund the Pavilion Patio Benches at a cost of \$8,100.00. After some discussion, the Board decided not to approve that request at this time. However, on a motion by Jim with a second by Kyle, the Board did vote to approve a request to fund the replacement of the Soldwedel Garden Area benches at a cost of \$4,050.00. A request was made to fund the balance of the Arena Ice Rink Boards Project. The total cost of the project is \$83,388.33. To date, \$55,133.00 has paid out leaving a balance of \$33,835.33. A motion was made by Dennis and seconded by Jim to approve paying the balance owed. However, after some discussion, the motion was amended to contribute \$25,000.00 towards the outstanding balance with the Park District to cover the remaining amount. Motion carried.

A request was made to correct the June meeting minutes to reflect that Scott was not in attendance but Jack was.

The final business to come before the Board was a presentation by Cameron where he narrowed down his list of projects for the Foundation to consider. His top three picks were:

1. Sunken Garden Project
2. Pavilion Capital Campaign
3. Two Neighborhood Playgrounds: Kiwanis Park North and Southside Business Association Parks

After Cameron's presentation, Jim moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Kyle. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: August 16, 2021

