

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the January 19, 2022 Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Gillis, at 4:01 p.m. This meeting was held in person at the Park District Board room. Directors present were: Cameron Bettin, Gary Gillis, Dennis Green, Buster Hanley, Jim Ruth and Jack Steger

Absent was: Director Kyle Cain

Also present was Beth Geier of McDaniels Marketing

President Gillis officially welcomed Buster Hanley to the Board.

Minutes

Jack Steger moved to approve the minutes for the December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting. Jim Ruth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cameron provided the Treasurer's Report prepared by Chip that accounted for fund balances totaling \$1,024,541.13 as of 1/19/2022. The fund balances were as follows: Vanguard Escrow Acct. \$602,495.06; Miller Center \$221,232.48; James Field \$7,160.77; Larry's Casting Kids \$4,402.63; Depot Restoration Fund \$500.00; Sundial Maintenance \$0.00; Arena Ice Rink Boards \$0.00; Restricted for Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$13,280.00; Baseball Fund (Barry Miller Memorial) \$1,172.00; IRVSRA \$0.00; Restricted for Parkside \$500.00; Steve Funk Junior Golf \$17,463.68; 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 \$3,016.44 and Unrestricted Funds \$743,703.49. A motion was made by Jim Ruth and seconded by Scott Kriegsman to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills to be approved for payment this month.

The Treasurer was not in attendance for this meeting.

Public Comment

Old Business

A. Beth Geier began her presentation regarding the selection of a new logo for the Foundation.

Director, Kyle Cain, joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

The logo samples were reviewed. Discussion ensued resulting in a motion by Jim, seconded by Kyle to adopt option "A" which is a modern representation of the Foundation's efforts to enhance the parks with a shovel that includes a flower on the head of the shovel depicting a marigold and a circular background. Motion carried. Related to the branding dialog, Cameron presented an update on the Foundation website.

Scott Kriegsman left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

B. Proposed Bandshell Update --- Cameron reported that he met with Rich Kriegsman and Amy McCoy and 12 to 15 interested parties recently to explain to them the Park Board and Park Foundation's role in the process and the steps to be taken to investigate the feasibility of developing a performance venue. Cameron noted that there may be vendors available who are in the business of building structures that could help with the process. He reported that the group plans to meet again on February 3rd.

Also under Old Business, Cameron reported that he and Scott, the Parks Director, met with a firm from St. Louis that designs fountains in regards to preparing a plan to repair and upgrade the fountain in the Sunken Garden. The company quoted a price of \$6,000.00 to provide design ideas for the fountain upgrade.

New Business

A. President Gillis reported on the passing of Barb Owens who had served as a Commissioner on the Pekin Park District Board and was one of the founding Directors of the Pekin Park Foundation. The Board agreed by consensus to plant a tree in memory of Barb and her contributions to the Park District.

As a final matter, Gary discussed an article on "Giving Tuesday" in the Parks and Rec Magazine.

With no further business to come before the Board, Kyle moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jim. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting : February 16,2022