

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Gillis, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Pekin Park District Board Room. Directors present were: Jim Ruth, Kyle Cain, Dennis Green, Cameron Bettin, Gary Gillis, Buster Hanley, Scott Kriegsman and Jack Steger.

No one was absent.

Also present were Treasurer Chip Hill and Park District Attorney, Mike Seghetti.

Minutes

Jim Ruth moved to approve the minutes of the September 18 , 2023 regular meeting. Jack Steger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Chip provided the Treasurer's Report that accounted for fund balances totaling \$1,1079,870.44 as of 11/20/2023. The fund balances were as follows: Vanguard Escrow Account \$774,057.41; Miller Center \$207,575.42; James Field \$7,160.77; Larry's Casting Kids \$857.50; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund \$124,020.83; Arena Zamboni Replacement \$37,969.52; Restricted for Lacrosse \$911.65; Restricted for Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$11,018.44; Baseball Fund (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; IRVSRA \$0.00; Restricted for Parkside \$500.00; Steve Funk Junior Golf \$ 14,826.94; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$6,500.55; Tom Elliott Park Improvement and Enhancement Fund \$4,019.39; Foundation Endowment \$600.000.00; Miller Center Trips \$0.00; Dog Park Improvement Fund \$3,016.44; Schaumleffel Estate (Unrestricted Funds) \$60,558.79.

Buster Hanley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Scott Kriegsman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Four bills were presented for payment. The first bill was from Trigard Memorials in the amount of \$136.74 for the Bench Plaque Invoice # 99232. That bill is to be paid from the fund for Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. The second bill to be paid from the same account was also from Trigard Memorials in the amount of \$141.55 to cover Bench Plaque Invoice #99458 YaYa's. The third bill was also from Trigard Memorials amounting to \$138.06 to pay Bench Plaque Invoice # 99459 Gray. The Trigard bills are all reimbursements to the Park District. The fourth and final bill was another Pekin Park District Reimbursement for purchase of the Performing Arts Center Banner through McDaniels Marketing in the amount of \$340.00.

A motion was made by Jim Ruth and seconded by Scott Kriegsman to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Park District Attorney, Mike Seghetti discussed the idea of changing the Park Foundation's IRS status from 501C3 Section 509A3 Public Charity to Section 509A2, Organization that gets its funding from the general public. After some discussion, Jim moved to authorize Mike to pursue the change in IRS status from Section 509A3 to Section 509A2. Jack Steger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no one present from the public at the meeting.

Old Business

- A. Update on City of Pekin Bicentennial Committee --- Gary shared the logo that had been created and Cameron distributed a list of events that will be sponsored by the Park District. It was decided that the Park Foundation would serve as the primary sponsor for the event. Scott moved to have the foundation provide up to \$15,000 to cover the Park District's expenses for the activities listed. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Update on the Targeted Mass Mailing of Foundation Letter and Brochure --- Gary provided pricing for the letters and envelopes from two sources. He was authorized to purchase the materials from Royal Publishing.

New Business

- A. Report of Miller Center Projects Planned for 2024 --- Cameron discussed plans to make improvements to the entry of the building including the walkway, landscaping and seating areas possibly tying into the lagoon side of the building.
- B. Discussion of Scholarships/Discounts for Veterans --- It was agreed that the Foundation would hold any funds collected for the specific purpose of offering Park District services at a discount to veterans with the specifics of such offerings to be determined in the future.
- C. Introduction of a local Monthly Magazine --- It was reported that Dave Molleck will be creating a hometown newspaper to be mailed to every household in Pekin beginning in February. It is thought that the Park Foundation would be able to submit articles for publishing.
- D. Approval of the 2024 Meeting Schedule --- Cameron distributed the proposed Park Foundation meeting schedule for 2024. Kyle moved to approve the schedule as presented. Jim seconded the motion, Motion carried.

Adjournment

Having concluded the business for the day, President Gillis called for a motion to adjourn. Jim Ruth moved to adjourn the meeting and Buster Hanley seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 18,2023

Dennis Green, Secretary

