

Pekin Park Foundation

Minutes of the September 18, 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 and Jack Steger.

Absent were Directors Scott Kriegsman and Buster Hanley.

Also present were Treasurer Chip Hill and Park District Superintendent of Recreation, Shawn Powers.

Minutes

Jim Ruth moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 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, 111,683.37 as of 9/18/2023. The fund balances were as follows: Vanguard Escrow Account \$808,875.49; Miller Center \$207,575.42; James Field \$7,160.77; Larry's Casting Kids \$857.50; Depot Restoration \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund \$120,913.31; 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) \$95,478.79.

Dennis Green moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kyle Cain 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 Kracher Bench Plaque. That bill is to be paid from the fund for Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. The second bill to be paid from the General Fund was from Unland Insurance and Benefits in the amount of \$631.00 to cover the Annual D&O Policy Renewal. The third bill was a reimbursement to Pekin Park District for purchasing fish to stock the lagoon from Herman Brothers Fisheries, Inc. amounting to \$1,098.63. That bill is to be paid from the Larry's Casting Kids Account. The fourth and final bill was another Pekin Park District Reimbursement for purchases of Larry's Casting Kids t-shirts from the Tshirt House in the amount of \$444.00.

A motion was made by Kyle Cain and seconded by Jim Ruth to pay the bills as presented. 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 --- It was reported that the celebration will be held July 4th-7th. It was noted that no people will be allowed in the stadium for the fireworks display due to planned construction. Pekin Park District plans to hold a special event from 3-8 p.m. on July 6th with inflatables and fun activities along with the Pekin Park Band Concert. It was suggested that there may be a band from 5-9 p.m. with alcohol served at the pavilion from 5:30 to 8:30. Other activities could include balloon rides from 6:30 to 8:30 on Diamond #1 with fireworks at 9 p.m. The estimated cost would be about \$14,400 plus.
- B. Update on the Sunken /Garden Fountain Project --- There was some on-going discussion of the project with little support offered from the Park District.

New Business

- A. Discussion of doing a Targeted Mass Mailing of Letter and Brochure
There was some discussion of the project concluding with a decision to discuss the matter with McDaniels Marketing and Allegra.

Adjournment

Having concluded the business for the day, President Gillis called for a motion to adjourn. Jim Ruth moved to adjourn the meeting and Kyle Cain seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 16,2023

Dennis Green, Secretary

