

# **Pekin Park Foundation**

## **Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Director's Meeting**

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

Also present was Treasurer, Chip Hill.

### **Minutes**

Jim Ruth moved to approve the minutes for the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting, as presented. Kyle Cain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chip provided the Treasurer's Report in advance of the meeting that accounted for fund balances totaling \$981,520.40 as of 4/17/2023.

The fund balances were as follows: Vanguard Escrow Acct. \$766,846.94; Miller Center \$207,719.94; James Field \$7,160.77; MPTF Concert Band Grant \$0.00; Larry's Casting Kids \$2,400.13; Depot Restoration Fund \$500.00; Performance Shelter Fund \$9,750.00; Arena Zamboni Replacement Fund \$37,969.52; Sundial Maintenance \$0.00; Restricted for Benches, Plaques, Pavers, etc. \$14,703.01; Baseball Fund (Barry Miller Memorial) \$434.65; IRVSRA \$0.00; Restricted for Parkside \$500.00; Steve Funk Junior Golf \$19,893.73; Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund \$6,597.25; Tom Elliott Park Improvement and Enhancement Fund \$1,674.39; Foundation Endowment \$600,000.00; Miller Center Trip Fund \$0.00; Dog Park Improvement Fund \$3,016.44 and Unrestricted Funds \$69,200.57.

Jack moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kyle seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There were no bills presented for approval this month.

## Public Comment

No one was present from the public.

## Old Business

A. Performing Arts Venue Update --- Cameron reported that the committee is talking to businesses first regarding financial support for the project. They are planning to host a gathering for potential donors “By Invitation Only” at the pavilion on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to have the project completed by next June. The Pekin Park Foundation will be the depository for their funds.

B. Sunken Garden Fountain --- There was nothing new to report regarding this project.

C. Marketing Update --- Gary reviewed Beth Geier’s recommendations with respect to marketing the Foundation along with the Performing Arts efforts. It was suggested that we not distribute the Foundation brochure with the PAV efforts.

D. Discussion of Potential Foundation Participation in the 2024 Pekin Bicentennial Celebration --- Gary discussed the possibility of having a small event each month during the Bicentennial year.

## New Business

A. Discussion of Railroad Depot Grants --- This topic was held over for another meeting. There was no discussion.

Jack Steger reported that he noticed the fence surrounding James Field is beginning to fade. Cameron said he would investigate.

With no further business to come before the Board, Gary called for a motion to adjourn. Kyle moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jim. The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Next Meeting: May 15, 2023**

Dennis Green, Secretary





