

Peculiar Parks Foundation

Meeting Minutes – Monthly Board Meeting

Organization: Peculiar Parks Foundation

Meeting Type: Monthly Board Meeting

Date: June 2, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: RE/MAX Signature, 131 W. North Street, Peculiar, MO



**PECULIAR PARKS
FOUNDATION**

Board Members Present:

- Amanda Chapin
- Shannon Wells
- Christal Chapman
- Virginia Costanzo
- Jason Long

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Christal Chapman made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented. Virginia Costanzo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Christal Chapman presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Beginning balance: \$2,482.77
- Ending balance: \$3,132.17
- Four Zeffy deposits were received.
- A \$17 settlement payment was received from Bonfire through Change from previous shirt sales.
- Expenses of \$63.97 were incurred for smocks, a clothing rack, and bottled water for upcoming Foundation events.
- A Very Peculiar Independence Day vendor registrations had generated \$2,105 at the time of the meeting, with additional vendor payments expected.
- VIP parking sales totaled \$60. The Foundation continues to work toward funding improvements to the VIP parking area and will review final cost estimates once additional information is available.

Shannon Wells made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Virginia Costanzo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

The Foundation reviewed plans for Rumble's Birthday Rock Painting Event scheduled for June 23, 2026. Supplies including paint, trays, smocks, bottled water, and rocks have been secured. Cupcakes will be purchased for the event, and additional rocks will be collected for participants to paint.

Discussion continued regarding the Storybook Trail and the Rumble rock snake. The board discussed creating a portable Rumble display that can be used at community events to promote the Storybook Trail and encourage participation. Additional signage for the Storybook Trail will be explored, and follow-up will be made regarding the condition of the Storybook Trail sign to determine whether it can be reinstalled.

The board reviewed recent flower planting efforts at Raisbeck Park and McKernan Park. Volunteers assisted with cleaning flower beds and planting flowers. The importance of establishing watering and maintenance plans for future planting projects was discussed to ensure long-term success and protect volunteer efforts.

Discussion was held regarding inaccuracies between park information listed on Google Maps and information available through the City's website. Efforts will continue to identify discrepancies and update park listings, amenities, and location information to improve public access and awareness.

The board also discussed Peace Park and its current condition. Future opportunities for improvements and possible long-term park planning considerations were discussed.

New Business:

Jason Long provided an update regarding Parks Department projects and activities.

Planning continues for A Very Peculiar Independence Day. Jason reported ongoing coordination efforts and recent meetings regarding event logistics and fireworks operations.

Updates were provided on potential improvements to the Dunsworth sports fields, including discussions with Briggs Traditional Turf Farm regarding turf evaluation and possible recommendations for future improvements.

The gazebo restoration project is underway. Painting has begun and additional work will continue in the coming weeks with assistance from local Girl Scout volunteers. Future lighting improvements are also planned.

Updates were provided regarding Raisbeck Park trail improvements. Progress remains dependent on Public Works equipment availability and scheduling.

Jason also reported improvements made at City Lake, including additional gravel placement at the boat ramp to improve safety and accessibility. No additional complaints have been reported since the improvements were completed.

Nancy Chamberlain joined the meeting by phone to discuss grant opportunities and long-term project planning. The board reviewed a potential Sun Safe Community initiative through the American Dermatological Association that could provide future funding opportunities for shade structures, sunscreen stations, and public education efforts.

Discussion also focused on future disc golf opportunities within Peculiar. The board discussed the potential for partnerships with neighboring communities, tourism organizations, and the national disc golf association. Future grant opportunities, sponsorships, tournaments, and regional partnerships were discussed as possible avenues for development.

Additional discussion included future grant opportunities related to health initiatives, recreation programming, trail development, walkability projects, and the High Line Trail. The board discussed learning from successful trail and tourism programs in other communities, including Ottawa, Kansas.

The board also discussed allowing 4-H groups to refurbish and repurpose older picnic tables currently stored by the Parks Department for use at Sutter's Creek Park.

Action Items:

- Follow up regarding the condition of the Storybook Trail sign.
- Create a portable Rumble display for community outreach events.
- Develop Storybook Trail promotional signage.
- Continue efforts to update park information on Google Maps and other mapping platforms.
- Purchase cupcakes and finalize preparations for the June 23 Rumble event.
- Follow up on VIP parking improvement costs after Don's return.
- Explore Sun Safe Community grant opportunities.
- Continue discussions regarding disc golf partnerships and grant opportunities.
- Contact Ottawa regarding trail development and tourism opportunities.
- Coordinate with 4-H regarding picnic table refurbishment opportunities.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:30 AM in the lower board room at Community Bank of Peculiar.

Adjournment:

Virginia Costanzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 AM. Christal Chapman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Recorded by:

Shannon Wells, Secretary