

Peculiar Parks Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Location: Community Bank of Peculiar – Lower Board Room



Call to Order

Foundation Secretary Shannon Wells called the meeting to order at **10:29 a.m.**

Attendance

Present: Shannon Wells, Christal Chapman, Virginia Costanzo, and Jason Long.

Approval of Minutes

Virginia Costanzo made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Christal Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

Shannon Wells made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Virginia Costanzo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Email Votes

An email vote was conducted between meetings regarding the proceeds and remaining merchandise from the **2026 Fourth of July Celebration.**

Following a recommendation from City Administrator Don Shepard, the Board reviewed the event budget and discussed reimbursing the City of Peculiar **\$3,500.00** toward the purchase of event merchandise. In return, the Peculiar Parks Foundation would retain all remaining event merchandise. The Board also discussed earmarking the remaining event proceeds, after deducting the cost of equipment purchased, for future **Youth Sports Funding**.

Virginia Costanzo made a motion to approve the event budget with reimbursement to the City of Peculiar in the amount of **\$3,500.00** toward the purchase of the event merchandise and to earmark the remaining event funds, after equipment purchases, for Youth Sports Funding. Shannon Wells seconded the motion. Christal Chapman voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Foundation Business

The Board acknowledged Amanda Chapin's resignation and discussed sharing board responsibilities until officer positions are reviewed in September in accordance with the Foundation bylaws.

Jessica Williams and Karin Velez will be invited to attend the August meeting to learn more about the Foundation and determine if serving on the Board would be a good fit.

Virginia Costanzo is preparing a draft **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between the Peculiar Parks Foundation and the City of Peculiar for future Board review and discussion.

Parks & Recreation Update

Jason Long provided an update on several Parks and Recreation projects currently underway.

Discussion centered on the future **Peculiar Disc Golf Course**, which remains scheduled to begin development later this year. Members discussed the increasing popularity of disc golf and the opportunities the course will create by attracting visitors through league play and tournaments. The Board also discussed how the course is expected to increase tourism, generate additional revenue, and benefit local businesses through increased visitor traffic. Planning continues with course layouts completed by David, and installation will begin once funding is available.

The Board also received an update on the upcoming **Kids Fishing Derby**, including sponsorship support, donated fishing equipment, prize giveaways, and family activities planned for the event. Members discussed continued improvements throughout the park system, including the installation of the new gazebo sign, ongoing walking trail improvements, and additional park enhancements.

Future Projects

The Board discussed several ideas for future Foundation projects, including decorative tree carvings, trail artwork, improved gathering spaces, and expanded recreational amenities.

Members also explored opportunities to collaborate with local schools and the LEAD Center on future construction, surveying, drone technology, and community improvement projects that would provide valuable educational experiences while benefiting the City's parks. Additional discussion included long-term concepts for music events, ceremonial gathering areas, and continued park improvements designed to increase community engagement.

Foundation Operations

The Board discussed several administrative items, including renewal of the Foundation's nonprofit insurance policy, upcoming postal rate increases, processing outstanding deposits, and other financial matters.

Members agreed to continue sharing leadership responsibilities until officer positions are reviewed during the September meeting in accordance with Foundation bylaws.

Tourism Update

Members discussed recent Tourism Committee conversations regarding the future Disc Golf Course and its potential to attract tournaments, league play, and additional visitors to Peculiar. The Board agreed the project will provide long-term benefits for both the parks system and the local business community.

Adjournment

Christal Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at **11:17 a.m.** Virginia Costanzo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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Minutes prepared by:

Shannon Wells

Foundation Secretary

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