

Peoria Municipal Band Commission Minutes

August 14, 2025

Dingledine at Bradley University

In attendance: Molly Slotter, Chair; George Graves, Jr., Manager; David Vroman, Director; Denise Cooksey, Liaison; and Commissioners: Marcia Boyer and Don Baker.

Called to Order: 8:06 am.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025 meeting was made by Don and seconded by Marcia.

Manager's Report: Presented bills for July: Academy of Screen Printing and Awards for polo shirts and plaque engraving - \$1,077.48 and salaries for musicians and soloists - \$29,066: Total of \$30,143.48.

He also presented bills for August: Kidder Music – 4 new band arrangements - \$321.60; Liberty Mutual Ins. – renew policy on the band shell - \$446; Todd Pilon – reimburse for the light for director's stand - \$11.17; Bradley University Music Dept. – 2025 mailing and duplicating expenses - \$250.55; Rogy's Cleaners – clean 59 band blazers - \$466.10; Payroll - \$29,448: Total \$30,963.42.

George also said:

- The equipment was moved back but needed to be set out to dry due to rain during the concert.
- The voice monitor came in and was added to insurance.
- A shelf was added by a city carpenter to store 4 large speakers.
- We discussed the proposed budget for next year. George talked to Kyle Cratty about next year's budget and since the band hasn't had a raise since 2017 they are in line for an increase.

We also discussed the band blazers. We need to think about what to do about them.

Director's Report: Dr. Vroman wrote to the band members asking about their thoughts regarding emcees, themes, music, etc.

He also asked if we should discuss having a "heat rule" for Glen Oak Amphitheater. He noted that Pekin Municipal Band has an alternate site to play in case of rain, etc. It needs to be nearby.

Old Business:

- Raffle e-mail update – 191 registered their email to have a concert program emailed to them
- We spent \$3,145 for advertising (she put out 35 yard signs and 8 are gone – we have 48 signs left)
- We will talk next year about food vendors
- We had 45 gift cards donated for a total of \$874. Molly will be encouraging commissioners to get a greater variety of vendors next year.

New Business:

- The balance with the Community Foundation is \$22,635.34 (This includes \$1,174 St. Phil donations and \$60 cash donated at concerts.)

A motion to adjourn at 9:07 was made by Don and seconded by Marcia.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Boyer