

Peoria Municipal Band Commission Minutes

February 12, 2026

Constance Hall at Bradley University

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

Called to Order: 8:10 am.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting was made by Mary and seconded by Don.

Manager's Report: George reported that the 2-year budget is in place and the band will get a raise from \$66 to \$69 for each performance or rehearsal. The budget can be amended at the end of the 1st year. He also sent the concert dates to the park district.

Director's Report: Dr. Vroman sent a notice to regular and substitute members asking for updates on e-mail or physical addresses. He presented the proposed 2026 concert dates. Concerts will begin Sunday, May 31, 2026.

He also reported that the music library for muni band will be moved from Dingledine to the basement of Constance Hall and said the university will do the moving.

Dave also presented information/suggestions on how to increase concert attendance. One suggestion would be to hire someone to do a TikTok promotion.

Old Business: None

New Business: Molly reminded members that they need to file a 2026 Economic Interest Statement.

We discussed advertising for 2026 and decided to continue what we have done in the past: yard signs, Morton Civic Chorus, Community Word, Corn Stock Theatre, Peoria Public Schools digital sign, Beachler's digital sign, and banners. (Molly checked with Bret Wetherill because all the banners for downtown and Sheridan Village were already requested so she asked if we could do 11 banners around Northwoods Mall for June and July.)

We decided to have papers available at our concerts so people could sign up to have muni band information e-mailed to them. If they signed up last year they don't need to sign up again.

Molly also reported that the Community Foundation Balance as of 12/31/25 was \$26,823.09

A motion to adjourn at 8:46 was made by Don and seconded by Lee.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Boyer