

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
November 25, 2025 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Jamie Keblesh, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko

Absent: Susie Felver

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. The chairman requested additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

The chairman presented the minutes of the October 28, 2025 regular meeting for approval. Mr. Hacker moved, Mr. MacMillan seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Jamie Keblesh, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko (11) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

There were no visitors in attendance for this meeting.

The chairman presented the October 2025 financial report for approval. Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to approve the October 2025 financial report as presented. The vote being: Greg Feller, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Jamie Keblesh, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen (11) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

There was no purchase order schedule presented for approval.

Casey Nowicki, chairman of the finance & audit committee, provided information for the proposed legislation amending the 2025 fiscal year budget which has been reviewed by the committee and recommended for approval. Mr. Feller moved, Mr. Danzeisen seconded, to adopt RESOLUTION 6-2025 AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BUDGET FOR THE SYLVANIA AREA JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025. The vote being: Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Jamie Keblesh, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller (11) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Nowicki next presented information on the preparation of the 2026 fiscal year appropriation budget which also was reviewed and approved by the finance & audit committee. Mr. Simko moved, Mr. Nowicki seconded, to adopt RESOLUTION 7-2025 APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE SYLVANIA AREA JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026. The vote being: Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Jamie Keblesh, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Dave France (11) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Nowicki advised the board that the Ohio Auditor of State has notified all local governments in the state that a new law (ORC 9.64) will require adoption of a cybersecurity program appropriate to their needs.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for October. Following the financial report, Mr. McMahon requested that the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation. Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Nowicki seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken: George Hilfinger, Jamie Keblesh, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Dave France, Ryan Hacker (11) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed. The board moved into executive session. At the conclusion, Mr. Feller moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to move out of executive session and return to the regular meeting. The roll call vote was taken: Jamie Keblesh, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger (11) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed. The board resumed the regular meeting.

Casey Nowicki presented the Tam O'Shanter Sports, Inc. financial report for October. Following the financial report, Casey provided additional information. The contract for electricity supply is expiring and negotiations will be taking place with the current vendor. Employee health insurance negotiations are also taking place; premium increases are likely. A three percent fee will be initiated for credit card transactions; an ACH option will also be offered.

Mr. Feller presented the capital improvement committee report. Greg indicated that the committee will be reviewing renderings and budget data from The Collaborative. Mr. Nowicki inquired about a timeline for the capital projects. Mr. Feller and Mr. McMahon noted that the project scope for Pacesetter Park will not require as much architectural services; so, most of the professional design and oversight function will involve the Centennial Terrace improvements.

During the chairman's report, Mr. Kezur announced that he had recently been interviewed by local media regarding the VMF memorial grove site. Brian advised that he provided updates on improvements to be made to the grounds and monuments and that ceremonies conducted there for national holidays will have proper venue modifications.

Mike McMahon provided a brief update on the changes to property tax legislation occurring in the Ohio house and senate. The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association has been active in following how the proposed changes in property tax levies could affect local governments throughout the state.

Mr. Kezur mentioned that Mr. Danzeisen will be reappointed, by the Sylvania school board, to another three-year term on the SAJRD board of trustees. Mr. Hilfinger will also be reappointed, by the City of Sylvania council, for the three-year term. Sylvania Township is currently accepting applications for a SAJRD board appointment.

After discussion among the trustees, the date for the next board meeting was set for December 16th at 6:00 p.m.

The roundtable took place during which Mr. Feller noted that the Sylvania school board has named Timothy Zieroff as the new superintendent to replace Dr. Veronica Motley who is retiring in July of next year. Mr. Zieroff currently serves as the assistant superintendent for the school system.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Nowicki moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (11) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock
Recording Secretary