

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
January 27, 2026 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Katie Fields, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Jamie Keblesh, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki,

Absent: Dave France, Dave Simko

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon, Mike Mankowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. Mr. Kezur introduced Katie Fields as the newest member of the board of trustees after which Mr. Kezur requested any additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded. Brian then asked that item 4 be advanced next on the agenda.

Byron Choka, Esq., acting as defense counsel for SAJRD in the pickleball lawsuit, provided an update on the status of the case during the appeal process. Several members on the board asked questions regarding the case and attorney Choka provided responses. Mike McMahon provided a handout showing, in chronological order, the various actions that SAJRD has undertaken to resolve the complaints of certain property owners who filed suit.

The organization of the 2026 board of trustees took place. George Hilfinger was reappointed to a three-year term as a City of Sylvania representative. Kevin Danzeisen was reappointed to a three-year term as a school board representative. Katie Fields was appointed to a three-year term as a Sylvania Township representative. Dave Simko was reappointed to the one-year term as the Sylvania Township elected representative. Greg Feller was reappointed to the one-year term as the school board elected representative. Shawn Murphy was reappointed to the one-year term as the elected representative from the City of Sylvania.

The election of officers then took place. Mr. Nowicki nominated Brian Kezur for the position of chairperson, Mr. MacMillan seconded the nomination. Mr. Feller made the motion to close further nominations, Ms. Felver seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Mr. Kezur, as chairperson of the board for 2026 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

Ms. Felver nominated Rich MacMillan for the position of vice-chairperson, Mr. Hilfinger seconded the nomination. Mr. Murphy made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Nowicki seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were

closed. The vote to elect Mr. MacMillan, as vice-chairperson of the board for 2026 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. Feller nominated Susie Felver for the position of secretary, Mr. Kezur seconded the nomination. Mr. MacMillan made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Feller seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Ms. Felver, as secretary of the board for 2026 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

Ms. Felver nominated Dave Spiess for the position of fiscal officer, Mr. Hilfinger seconded the nomination. Mr. Nowicki made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Feller seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Mr. Spiess, as fiscal officer of the board for 2026 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

The chairman indicated that he would advise the board of any SAJRD committee changes and any SRC or TOS, Inc. board assignments.

The chairman presented the minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular meeting for approval. Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Feller seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Katie Fields, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Jamie Keblesh, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki (10) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Kezur presented the December 2025 financial report for approval. Mr. Danzeisen moved, Mr. MacMillan seconded, to approve the December 2025 financial report as presented. The vote being: Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Katie Fields, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Jamie Keblesh, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Kevin Danzeisen (10) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Kezur presented the purchase order schedule for approval. Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to approve the purchase order schedule as presented. The vote being: Susie Felver, Katie Fields, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Jamie Keblesh, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller (10) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for December. At the conclusion of the financial report, Mr. McMahon reported on the Children's Wonderland exhibit, held in the S&EC, which was well attended. Mike provided a handout showing attendance figures from 2011-2025.

Casey Nowicki presented the Tam O'Shanter, Inc. financial report for December. Casey noted that the fiscal year audit was being finalized with a clean audit opinion expected. Mike Mankowski provided information on operations and programs. Adverse weather conditions required adjustments to scheduled events, in particular to activities at the Ottawa Park outdoor rink. Todd Butler was doing a good job since his return to TOS, Inc.

employment. Used ice resurfacing equipment has been purchased and spring hockey sessions are selling out with programs starting in March. The Mark Rasmus Memorial hockey tournament was another success.

Mr. Nowicki was excused at 8:25 a.m.

Mr. Feller presented the capital improvement committee report and provided additional information on design features and budget projections for the Centennial capital improvements. It is anticipated that demolition of the old buildings will take place after completion of the concert and event season this fall. A proposed contract from The Collaborative architectural firm was received and reviewed by the committee which is recommending approval. Mr. Feller moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to adopt RESOLUTION 1-2026 AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTENNIAL TERRACE AND PACESETTER PARK TO BE CONDUCTED BY "THE COLLABORATIVE" ARCHITECTURAL FIRM. The vote being: Katie Fields, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Jamie Keblesh, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver (9) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Chairman Brian Kezur along with Mike McMahon and John Plock presented the finance and audit committee report. Mr. Plock informed the board that the \$2,500,000 tax anticipation note sale closed on January 8th with Waterford Bank N.A. submitting the lowest and best bid at 3.25 percent. Mr. Kezur noted that the committee is also recommending that the PACE loan, offered by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, not be consented to at this time. Mr. McMahon said that he would advise the Port Authority and other interested parties. Mr. McMahon also mentioned that he had discussed, with Waterford Bank, the interest rate paid on the SAJRD checking account and the bank has agreed to increase the rate to 2.50 percent.

Mr. Kezur did not have any old or new business to discuss under the chairman's report.

The roundtable took place during which Susie Felver told the board that the McCord Jr. High students and faculty were busy preparing for the fourth annual Amazing Shake event.

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Felver moved, Mr. MacMillan seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (9) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Plock, Recording Secretary