

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
April 25, 2023 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal

Absent: Kevin Danzeisen, Rich MacMillan, John Munch,

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon, Mike Mankowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. The chairman requested any additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

The chairman presented the minutes of the February 28, 2023 regular meeting for approval. Mr. Hacker moved, Ms. Westphal seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal (9) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Several residents living in proximity to the VMF pickleball courts, and their legal representative, were in attendance to address the noise emanating from the venue. While acknowledging that efforts for noise abatement by SAJRD have taken place, the sounds of the rackets hitting the ball and the shouting by participants were still a problem. Some of the board members asked questions and directed comments to the guests. Mr. Kezur told the visitors that the trustees appreciated their attendance, to express their complaints, and that the board will continue to discuss the problem and seek solutions.

After the visitors were excused, Ms. Westphal moved, Mr. Feller seconded, to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The roll call vote was taken: Susie Felver, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Greg Feller (9) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed. The board moved into executive session. At the conclusion, Ms. Westphal moved, Mr. Nowicki seconded, to move out of executive session and return to the regular meeting. The roll call vote was taken: Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Greg Feller, (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed. The board resumed the regular meeting.

Ms. Felver was excused from the meeting during the executive session.

Mr. Kezur presented the February financial report for approval. Mr. Feller moved, Ms. Westphal seconded, to approve the February financial report as presented. The vote

being: George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Greg Feller, Ryan Hacker (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Kezur presented the March financial report for approval. Mr. Feller moved, Mr. Hacker seconded, to approve the March financial report as presented. The vote being: Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Greg Feller, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Kezur presented the purchase order schedule for approval. Ms. Feller moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to approve the purchase order schedule as presented. The vote being: Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Greg Feller, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for March.

Casey Nowicki presented the Tam O'Shanter, Inc. financial report for March. Following the financial report, Casey and Mike Mankowski provided information on activities taking place including various hockey tournaments, team tryouts, spring league startup, and status of the building renovations. Messrs. Hacker and Murphy introduced a discussion on the cleanliness of the building, in particular, the condition of the restrooms at certain events. Some recommendations were offered as to staff changes or janitorial assignments. Mike McMahon noted the difficulty in maintaining some of the facilities due to the scheduling of team events and the inability to find staff for these jobs. Trustees that also serve on the TOS Sports, Inc. board will monitor the situation.

Greg Feller presented the capital improvement committee report. Mr. McMahon provided an update on the Burnham Park playground and the Centennial parking area lighting projects.

Casey Nowicki presented the finance and audit committee report. Casey advised that the committee has investigated the options for increasing needed revenues with the possibility of a capital improvement levy or a replacement operating levy. The committee is recommending that SAJRD not place any levy on the ballot in November of 2023 but rather ask the voters for approval in 2024.

Ms. Westphal was excused at 9:00 a.m.

During the chairman's report Mr. Kezur informed the board that a public records request has been made for information on the project costs for the Burnham Park playground improvement.

The roundtable took place with Mr. Simko reiterating the need for the TOS facility to be properly cleaned, similar to the condition of other properties owned by the District. He pointed to the maintenance performed at Pacesetter Park as an example.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Feller moved, Mr. Nowicki seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (7) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock
Recording Secretary