

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Special Session
August 3, 2021 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Katie Cappellini, Greg Feller, Kate Fineske, George France, Marcus Hansen, Brian Kezur, John Munch, Casey Nowicki, John Pristash, Dave Spiess, Dave Simko

Absent: Rich MacMillan

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon, Barbara Nye, Susie Felver

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. The chairman announced that the purpose of the special session was to continue discussion on the upcoming bond improvement levy.

Mr. Pristash requested Mike McMahon to provide an update on the rezoning change meetings that have been held concerning the Cobblestone property. Mr. McMahon reported on the rezoning meetings and announced that two additional meetings would be necessary before the change could be implemented. The Sylvania Township Zoning Commission will hear the request on August 11th and the Township Trustees will make their decision on September 7th.

Mr. McMahon informed the board that the advertising firm of Cooper/Smith has offered to assist with the levy campaign including the structure of the necessary committees. Mike also noted that he has continued to hold discussions with various groups who have expressed interest in the campaign such as: the arts community, STEM, and the aquatics community.

General discussion took place with various trustees making suggestions for campaign committee chairpersons and members. Dave Spiess advised that interviews have been scheduled with persons who may be considered for chairperson positions.

Katie Cappellini said that the pickleball players were a very active group and should be approached about supporting the levy. Kate Fineske noted the print publications prepared by other agencies in town. She also mentioned the idea of holding in-home presentations to inform the voting public.

Mr. McMahon said that campaign treasurer Rich MacMillan opened a bank account for donations and expenses and that use of electronic devices will be acceptable for monetary contributions.

The mailer, previously approved by the marketing strategy group and the finance committee, will be going out shortly. Printing and mail distribution permits are in process.

George France informed the trustees that campaign information should be directed, in part, at the senior population. This would include making the community center physical fitness facilities eligible for the silver sneakers program.

No votes or other formal actions were taken by the board at this meeting.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Hansen moved, Ms. Cappellini seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (11) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock
Recording Secretary