

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the Special Session  
April 6, 2021 7:30 a.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Mike McMahon, John Plock

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. Mr. Pristash described the purpose of the special session which was to resume discussion regarding the capital improvement program and possible levy to be placed on the November ballot. The chairman requested Mike McMahon to offer reaction to the recently held public forum including a review of comments and questions received during the breakout sessions.

Ms. Fineske noted that the District should promote its fiscal responsibility in seeking loans and grants to offset lost revenue during the pandemic.

Ms. Cappellini indicated that recruiting volunteers would be helpful and that environmental concerns should be addressed.

Mr. Feller brought up the issue of promoting accessibility for the disabled; Mike McMahon advised that there was representation on the task force.

It was also mentioned that SAJRD recently paid off the 1994 bond issue and has refinanced the 2008 bond issue resulting in a substantial cost savings for debt service.

Mr. McMahon mentioned that he had heard that TARTA was considering a sales tax in lieu of its current property tax which could result in lower total property taxes for the area.

Katie Cappellini asked for a status report on the \$200,000 grant awarded for Burnham Park and Plummer Pool. Mr. McMahon responded with the most recent information.

Mr. McMahon provided further information on the proposed footprint and user space for the new community center design. Mr. France noted the timetable for getting a potential levy on the ballot.

Mr. Hansen inquired if there were any concerns expressed by property owners located near the site under contract and conservancy of the area. He also asked if there was any further development in talks with the YMCA/JCC. Mr. McMahon provided an update.

Ms. Fineske and Mr. Feller expressed support for the location and mentioned that it was a proper use of land for the community.

Throughout the meeting board members asked questions and offered information and suggestions. No votes or other formal actions were taken by the board.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. France moved, Ms. Fineske seconded to adjourn the meeting. All the trustees voting aye, none voting nay, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock  
Recording Secretary