

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
August 22, 2023 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Ryan Hacker, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, John Munch, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowick, Dave Simko

Absent: Kevin Danzeisen, Susie Felver, George Hilfinger

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon

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 July 25, 2023 regular meeting for approval. Mr. Hacker moved, Mr. MacMillan seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Ryan Hacker, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, John Munch, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowick, Dave Simko (7) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

There were no visitors in attendance for this meeting.

Mr. Feller arrived at 7:35 a.m.

Ms. Westphal arrived at 7:38 a.m.

Mr. Kezur presented the July financial report for approval. Mr. Munch moved, Mr. Hacker seconded, to approve the July financial report as presented. The vote being: Greg Feller, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, John Munch, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowick, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Ryan Hacker (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for July. Following the financial report Mr. McMahon provided information on other matters. The SRC audit has been completed for FY 2022 with a clean opinion expected. A new audit firm was utilized for this engagement and the process went smoothly. Mike continues planning with the City of Sylvania on the Plummer Pool bathhouse project; work will commence after Labor Day. Six national acts performed at Centennial Terrace this summer along with several local events. Overall, the season was a success in terms of attendance and financially. Summer camp programs are wrapping up for the year. Mr. Murphy inquired about player eligibility and team selection for United Soccer. Mr. McMahon provided a response and said he would follow up on the process of advising players as to their selection for the teams.

Mike continued his report by advising the board of an agreement entered between Sylvania Township and the local YMCA/JCC. The Township will act as a recipient for a State of Ohio public works grant for a capital improvement project which the YMCA/JCC will undertake on their property in Sylvania. The project will provide additional recreation amenities for the community. Casey Nowicki expressed concern that SAJRD was not advised of this agreement prior to the Township trustees approving it. Casey suggested that the District meet with elected officials from the City, the Township and the Schools concerning future capital improvements.

Casey Nowicki and Ryan Hacker presented the Tam O'Shanter, Inc. financial report for July. There was no TOS Sports, Inc. board meeting held this month. Casey noted that a reorganization of high school hockey team league affiliations will have an impact on use of ice time at facilities in the area.

Greg Feller presented the capital improvements committee report. Greg informed the board that a committee meeting was held to discuss future capital improvement infrastructure. The Burnham Park project and the Centennial parking lot lighting project were both completed on time and within budget this year.

Casey Nowicki noted that items discussed at the finance and audit committee meeting were already covered earlier in today's session.

During the chairman's report, Mr. Kezur mentioned that he had received a text message from a property owner regarding the noise at the pickleball court. A good response has been provided by the City police when neighbors near the pickleball courts have complained.

The roundtable took place. Several of the trustees advised that a three-to-five-year capital improvement plan needs to be developed and presented to elected officials in the community to gather support for additional funding. Mr. MacMillan indicated that it was not too early to plan for a levy next fall. There was a consensus that the YMCA/JCC improvements needed to be finalized so that the community could determine what additional projects SAJRD should provide.

A letter was received from the Lucas County Engineer's office advising of the closing of Mitchaw Rd. for approximately 45 days. This road borders along the west side of Pacesetter Park. The project is not expected to significantly impact activities at SPP.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Nowicki moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (9) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Plock
Recording Secretary