

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Session  
May 28, 2024 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal

Absent: George Hilfinger

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon, Tom Cline

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. The chairman requested that agenda items 4 and 5 be reversed. Mr. Kezur then asked if there were any additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

The chairman presented the minutes of the April 23, 2024 regular meeting for approval. Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Hacker seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal (11) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Nick Ramos was a visiting attendee and asked to speak to the board. His concerns had to do with baseball team residency requirements along with roster composition. Mr. Ramos discussed competitiveness issues and player development. Several of the trustees asked questions. Mr. Ramos expanded on his concerns and Mike McMahon provided responses to the complaints which had previously been addressed by SRC staff members. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the chairman thanked Mr. Ramos for his attendance and information provided to the board.

Casey Nowicki presented the finance and audit committee report. Casey informed the board that the committee is recommending that a replacement levy be authorized for inclusion on the November general election ballot. Passage of this levy would replace the two existing operating levies and according to the County Auditor's office would generate approximately \$600,000 of additional revenue annually which could be used for capital projects and future operations. Ms. Westphal moved, Mr. Feller seconded, to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-3 A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE SINGLE QUESTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL OF TWO EXISTING LEVIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, EQUIPPING, DEVELOPING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 755.18, 5705.192 AND 5705.198 OF THE REVISED CODE. The roll call vote being:

Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Kevin Danzeisen (11 ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Danzeisen was excused at 7:54 a.m. and Mr. Simko was excused at 7:55 a.m.

Mr. Kezur presented the April 2024 financial report for approval. Ms. Felver moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, to approve the April financial report as presented. The vote being: Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal, Greg Feller (9) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Kezur presented the purchase order schedule for approval. Mr. McMahon provided details for the purchase order which was to acquire a new water heater for Plummer Pool. Under the agreement with the City of Sylvania, the District is responsible for repairs and maintenance issues of this nature. Ms. Westphal moved. Mr. Feller seconded, to approve the purchase order schedule as presented. The vote being: Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal, Greg Feller (9) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for April. Following the financial report, Mr. McMahon notified the board that it will be necessary to repair and/or replace some of the walkways at Pacesetter Park which have deteriorated over the years. Messrs. Feller and Hacker noted that it appeared improper drainage along the paths may be contributing to the damage. It will be necessary to correct the drainage problem before installation of the new pathway material. Mr. McMahon concurred with the assessment and advised that Brian Hall, facilities & maintenance director for SRC, would be collaborating with the contractor to require proper restoration. A purchase order will be presented to the board after approval of the scope of work and cost have been determined.

Tom Cline presented the Tam O'Shanter Sports, Inc. financial report for April. Following the financial report, Tom notified the board that hockey registrations looked good at this point and sales for the pro shop were improving. Mr. Cline said that he would be contacting participants for senior hockey to get their input for locker room improvements. The cleaning crew work schedules have been modified for the summer hours. There is nothing new to report regarding the state grant for construction of a roof for the Ottawa Park ice rink.

Mr. Feller presented the capital improvement committee report and advised that there was no old or new business to discuss at this time.

During the chairman's report, Mr. Kezur advised that the City of Sylvania plans on doing more work on the Elden Ditch project. Since the SAJRD property at Veterans Memorial Field would be impacted, it may be necessary to enter into an extension of the joint agreement approved last year.

During the roundtable, Mary Westphal provided information on personnel changes within the City's service department. With the retirement of director Kevin Aller, assistant service director Joe Shaw will become the new service director. Mr. Shaw has worked with SAJRD on various infrastructure improvements over the years. Mike McMahon told the trustees that a fund-raising event for the Stranahan Elementary School PTA to build an accessible playground for children with certain disabilities will be held at Centennial Terrace this year.

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Westphal moved, Mr. Nowicki seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (9) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock  
Recording Secretary