

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
August 25, 2026 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko

Absent: Katie Fields, Jamie Keblesh

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon, Mike Mankowski

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. The chairman said that item 7, the finance & audit committee report, would take place following the financial report. Mr. Kezur then requested additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

Mr. Kezur announced that vice-chairman of the SAJRD board of trustees, Rich MacMillan, had passed away. Mr. MacMillan served on the board for several years as a Sylvania Township appointment.

The chairman presented the minutes of the June 23, 2026 regular meeting for approval. Mr. Murphy moved, Ms. Felver seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

The chairman presented the minutes of the July 28, 2026 regular meeting for approval. Mr. Nowicki moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2026 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

There were no visitors in attendance for this meeting.

The chairman presented the June 2026 financial report for approval. Mr. Hilfinger moved, Mr. Feller seconded, to approve the June 2026 financial report as presented. The vote being: Susie Felver, Dave France, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

The chairman presented the July 2026 financial report for approval. Mr. Danzeisen moved, Ms. Felver seconded, to approve the July 2026 financial report as presented. The vote being: Dave France, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

The chairman presented the purchase order schedule for approval. Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Simko seconded, to approve the purchase order schedule as presented. The vote being: George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

Casey Nowicki presented the finance and audit committee report and advised that the 2024-2025 audit, performed by the staff of the Ohio Auditor of State, would be starting shortly. Casey noted that the Auditor's office had determined that the SAJRD audit qualified for an agreed-upon procedures (AUP) audit in lieu of a generally accepted government auditing standards (GAGAS) audit. This format would reduce the time and cost of the audit. SAJRD's bond counsel and financial advisor were consulted and advised that there was nothing to preclude an (AUP) audit being performed. Mr. Nowicki moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to authorize the Auditor of State to conduct an AUP audit for the years 2024 and 2025. The vote being: Brian Kezur, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, George Hilfinger (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

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

Following the SRC financial report, Mr. McMahon informed the board that it was necessary to perform work on pumping systems at Pacesetter Park and replace landscaping at Centennial Terrace. Time was of the essence, in both cases, so SRC had the work performed and paid for the cost. Mike requested that SAJRD reimburse SRC for this expense in the amount of \$31,707.33. Ms. Felver moved, Mr. Feller seconded, to reimburse SRC for the needed work at the SAJRD-owned properties in the amount of \$31,707.33. The vote being: Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, George Hilfinger Brian Kezur (9) ayes: (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike also noted that the SRC scholarship program continues with verification similar to that used for the school lunch program. The demolition work for the Centennial project will begin on September 14th.

Casey Nowicki and Mike Mankowski presented the July financial report for TOS Sports, Inc. Following the financial report, Mr. Mankowski provided information on several items. A meeting for the TOS Sports, Inc. property and casualty insurance program renewal took place, improvements are occurring at Rink 11 and in locker rooms, registrations for hockey programs are going well, the Gordie Howe tribute site is being refurbished, and the proposed design for the roof over the Ottawa Park skating rink is being reassessed.

Greg Feller, chairman of the capital improvement committee, advised that the variance appeal made to Lucas County for the Centennial project restrooms had been approved.

Mr. Kezur presented the chairperson's report and informed the trustees that Sylvania Township will accept applications to replace Rich MacMillan on the SAJRD board.

The roundtable took place during which Mr. Murphy asked if there were any advantages for SRC and TOS Sports, Inc. to cooperate for seeking grants for capital improvements at SAJRD venues. Messrs. McMahon and Mankowski responded. Mr. Feller announced that the Sylvania school board would be holding a town hall event regarding the upcoming school income tax ballot issue. Mike McMahon remarked that two of the SAJRD trustees were being recognized by local organizations, Casey Nowicki for community service and Brian Kezur for sports achievements.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Kezur moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (9) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Plock, Recording Secretary