

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
April 23, 2024 7:30 a.m.

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

Absent: None

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. The chairman requested that agenda item 8 be moved to item 4b. 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 March 19, 2024 regular meeting for approval. Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Hacker seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal (12) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Caitlin Slattery and Tara Haye, from the Stranahan Elementary PTA, gave a presentation on efforts to provide for Sylvania's first inclusive and accessible playground. Such a facility would include mobility access and equipment which could be used by children with certain disabilities. A benefit dinner will be held on June 28th, and the organization is seeking sponsors for financial support.

Mr. Kezur presented the March 2024 financial report for approval. Mr. Feller moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to approve the March financial report as presented. The vote being: Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Kevin Danzeisen (12) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Plock advised that the 2023 GAAP basis financial report was being finalized and would be filed with the Ohio Auditor of State on a timely basis.

Agenda item 8 was brought forward as requested by Mr. Kezur, who invited Casey Nowicki to explain the proposed legislation for replacing the two operating levies currently being collected. Casey provided details and the recommendation for adoption from the finance and audit committee. Ms. Westphal moved, Mr. Simko seconded, to

adopt RESOLUTION 2024-2 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO REPLACE ALL OF TWO EXISTING LEVIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, EQUIPPING, DEVELOPING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND REQUESTING THE LUCAS COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 755.18, 5705.03, 5705.192 AND 5705.198 OF THE REVISED CODE. The roll call vote being: Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko, Mary Westphal, Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller (12) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

There was no purchase order schedule presented for board approval.

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

Tom Cline was not present, so Casey Nowicki presented the Tam O'Shanter Sports, Inc. financial report for March. Mr. Nowicki noted that pro shop sales were down. Mr. Hacker was interested in the collection of receivables and would be asking Mr. Cline for more information at an upcoming TOS Sports, Inc. board meeting. Ms. Felver requested information on the use of the King Road building currently leased by SRC and supported by both TOS Sports, Inc. and SAJRD. Ms. Westphal asked about the proposed lease renewal for an additional five-year period and the monthly cost increase which would be shared by all three organizations using the facility.

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

Mr. MacMillan was excused at 8:05 a.m.

Casey Nowicki presented the finance and audit committee report. Casey mentioned that items under the direction of the committee had been acted upon earlier in the meeting.

During the chairman's report, Mr. Kezur advised that there were a few ongoing noise complaints from certain neighbors in the vicinity of the VMF pickleball courts.

During the roundtable, several members participated in an open discussion regarding the presentation of the inclusive playground concept. Messrs. Hacker, Kezur, Feller and McMahon commented on various points to include location, equipment, funding and participation by the Sylvania schools. Dave Simko said that Sylvania Township intended to place a fire levy on the November general election ballot. Dave also mentioned that he recently attended an event at Pacesetter Park and the fields were in excellent condition. Mary Westphal noted that she and others representing SAJRD met with Mayor Stough regarding support for the upcoming replacement levy. She felt the meeting was positive and that the mayor would give his unconditional support. Susie Felver said that Metroparks Toledo was planning to build a pickleball facility in downtown Toledo. Mike

McMahon provided some statistical information on the impact of inflation over the years since SAJRD's last levy changes.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Danzeisen moved, Ms. Westphal seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (11) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock
Recording Secretary