

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Special Session
July 16, 2024 7:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Greg Feller, Susie Felver, Dave Simko

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 a.m. The special meeting was called to provide the board of trustees with an on-site tour of the condition of the facilities which are owned and/or operated by the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District.

The tour began at Sylvania Pacesetter Park in the maintenance building. Sylvania Recreation Corp. facilities director, Brian Hall, conducted the tour of the building and explained the equipment and materials that are housed in the building along with the rooms used by the staff. The group was then taken to the irrigation pond and pump station where Mr. Hall explained the condition of the equipment. The next stop was the playground at SPP which is used extensively by visitors and residents. Some of the equipment is becoming dated and could use refurbishing. The group moved to the ball diamond complex and inspected the open-air shelters and restrooms along with the concession areas. Brian and Mike McMahon pointed out the need to replace some of the fencing and field lighting. The board was then shown some of the trails and pathways that need to be replaced due to age and drainage issues.

The tour moved on to Centennial Terrace and Quarry where the board members were shown the overflow parking area which is leased from the City of Sylvania. An inspection was made of the stage and back-stage areas along with the bathhouse, restrooms, and concession locations. Mr. McMahon indicated the various equipment and appurtenances for the swimming site.

The next stop on the tour was Burnham Park and the adjacent Plummer Pool. The park area was completely refurbished with new structures and equipment recently. Additional renovation of the swimming pool pump room and other facilities has commenced and will likely be completed next year. This is a cooperative project between the City of Sylvania and SAJRD along with a State of Ohio grant.

Mr. France was excused at 8:50 a.m. and Mr. Nowicki was excused at 9:00 a.m.

The tour concluded with a visit to Veterans Memorial Field. Several minutes were spent discussing problems with water drainage in certain areas. The City and SAJRD are cooperating in an improvement project for Elden Ditch which will remedy the flood-prone portions of the park. The group moved on to the ball diamonds and another inspection of the concession areas and restroom facilities. Mr. McMahon invited the trustees to drive by the pickleball courts as they exited the venue.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, to adjourn the special meeting. All present voting (7) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock
Recording Secretary