

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
December 17, 2024 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Kevin Danzeisen, Greg Feller, Dave Simko

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Kezur requested additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

The chairman presented the minutes of the November 26, 2024 regular meeting for approval. Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Hacker seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Ms. Felver arrived at 6:05 p.m.

There were no visitors in attendance at this meeting.

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

The chairman presented the purchase order schedule for approval. Mr. Hacker moved, Mr. Nowicki seconded, to approve the purchase order schedule as presented. The vote being: Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal, Susie Felver (9) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for November. Following the financial report, Mr. McMahon provided information on a few items: the Children's Wonderland exhibit has opened and early attendance figures look good, attorneys representing SAJRD, in the pickleball lawsuit, have responded to the complaint and depositions will likely take place, registrations for indoor athletic programs have been good, relocation of some of the TOS indoor workplace facilities from King Rd. to Central Ave. has been delayed.

Casey Nowicki presented the Tam O'Shanter Sports, Inc. financial report for November. Tom Cline gave brief remarks that the TOS pro shop sales were doing well, along with the Ottawa Park ice rink operation. The hockey learn-to-skate program has begun with participation by the Toledo Walleye team.

Greg Feller, chairman of the capital improvement committee, was not in attendance. Mr. McMahon noted that work continues at the Plummer Pool site; most of the work takes place inside the building during the colder weather. Mike also indicated that the renovation of the King Rd. facility for SRC use is being delayed due to Lucas County inspection issues.

Casey Nowicki, chairman of the finance & audit committee, advised the board that the committee had discussed the use of tax anticipation note financing but will defer use of this technique in fiscal year 2025. The committee has decided to reduce the bond retirement fund millage from 0.40 mills to 0.34 mills for collection year 2025. The County Auditor has provided updated real property assessed valuation information, which makes this possible. The 1.25 mill operating replacement levy collection amount for 2025 is estimated to be \$2,265,000 per the Auditor's office.

Mr. Kezur did not have anything to report as chairman.

During the roundtable, Mary Westphal advised the board that she would not be returning to the SAJRD board of trustees in 2025. Mary has served as the elected representative from the City of Sylvania since 2022. She also informed that Mayor Craig Stough would be retiring at the end of December and that Council president Mark Frye would become the City of Sylvania Mayor. The City is accepting applications for the vacant seat on Council.

Casey Nowicki said that the strong attendance for Children's Wonderland was good news. He then thanked Mary for her valuable service on the board; several of the other trustees extended their appreciation as well.

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Westphal moved, Ms. Felver seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (9) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Plock
Recording Secretary