

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Session
January 28, 2025 7:30 a.m.

Board Present: Greg Feller, Susie Felver, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Dave Simko

Absent: Kevin Danzeisen, Dave France, Ryan Hacker

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon, Tom Cline

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. Mr. Kezur requested any additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

The organization of the 2025 board of trustees took place. Rich MacMillan was reappointed to a three-year term as a Sylvania Township representative. Susie Felver was reappointed to a three-year term as a school board representative. Dave Simko was reappointed to the one-year term as the Sylvania Township elected representative. Greg Feller was reappointed to the one-year term as the school board elected representative. Shawn Murphy was appointed to the one-year term as the elected representative from the City of Sylvania. The at-large trustee position from the City of Sylvania was vacant pending appointment by the City Council.

The election of officers then took place. Mr. Nowicki nominated Brian Kezur for the position of chairperson, Mr. Feller seconded the nomination. Mr. MacMillan made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Hilfinger seconded the motion. The vote being (7) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Mr. Kezur, as chairperson of the board for 2025 was (8) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. Kezur nominated Rich MacMillan for the position of vice-chairperson, Mr. Nowicki seconded the nomination. Ms. Felver made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Kezur seconded the motion. The vote being (7) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Mr. MacMillan, as vice-chairperson of the board for 2025 was (8) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. MacMillan nominated Susie Felver for the position of secretary, Mr. Nowicki seconded the nomination. Mr. Kezur made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Feller seconded the motion. The vote being (7) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Ms. Felver, as secretary of the board for 2025 was (8) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. Kezur nominated Dave Spiess for the position of fiscal officer, Ms. Felver seconded the nomination. Mr. MacMillan made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Hilfinger seconded the motion. The vote being (8) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were

closed. The vote to elect Mr. Spiess, as fiscal officer of the board for 2025 was (7) ayes; and (0) nays.

The chairman indicated that he had not received any requests for committee changes. Since Mary Westphal was no longer a board member, her committee assignments will be replaced.

The chairman presented the minutes of the December 17, 2024 regular meeting for approval. Ms. Felver moved, Mr. MacMillan seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Greg Feller, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Susie Felver, Dave Simko (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

There were no visitors in attendance for this meeting.

Mr. Kezur presented the December 2024 financial report for approval. Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. MacMillan seconded, to approve the December financial report as presented. The vote being: George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Susie Felver, Dave Simko, Greg Feller (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Kezur presented the purchase order schedule for approval. Messrs. McMahon and Plock provided details on several of the items to be encumbered. Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Feller seconded, to approve the purchase order schedule as presented. The vote being: Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Susie Felver, Dave Simko, Greg Feller, George Hilfinger (8) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for December. At the conclusion of the financial report, Mr. McMahon reported on the Children's Wonderland exhibit held in the S&EC. Mike provided a handout showing attendance figures from 2011-2024. Mr. McMahon advised that he makes periodic visits to Plummer Pool to inspect progress on the renovations taking place. Finally, Mike told the trustees that a trial date of January 2026 has been set for the pickleball lawsuit.

Tom Cline presented the Tam O'Shanter, Inc. financial report for December. Tom provided information on other items to include: public skating has been well attended this season, pro shop sales for hockey equipment have been strong, the Ottawa Park outdoor ice rink lost four days of activity due to adverse weather, the efforts to fund and construct the roof for the Ottawa Park ice rink are ongoing.

Mr. Feller presented the capital improvement committee report and advised the board that his committee would be scheduling a meeting to develop a list of capital projects to be developed, in part, with revenue from the replacement levy. Mike McMahon advised that some of the projects are already being discussed with SRC staff.

Casey Nowicki presented the finance and audit committee report. Mr. Nowicki notified the board that his committee will also be involved in selecting the capital projects which are needed at various venues. Mr. McMahon told the board that he has contacted the

Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to obtain information on their PACE loan program which involves financing for energy conservation projects. The use of tax anticipation notes, in 2026, is also under consideration by the committee. Casey said the committee is looking at the possibly of creating a rainy-day fund and the utilization of SRC monies for various equipment for athletic teams.

Mr. Kezur did not have any old or new business to discuss under the chairman's report.

The roundtable took place during which Susie Felver told the board that the McCord Jr. High students and faculty were busy preparing for the Amazing Shake event. Several of the board members congratulated trustee Shawn Murphy for his appointment to the Sylvania City Council replacing Mark Frye who became the City's Mayor. Shawn will now serve as the City's elected representative on the SAJRD board.

There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Feller moved, Ms. Felver seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (8) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Plock, Recording Secretary