

Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Session  
February 27, 2024 7:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Greg Feller, Dave Simko

Others Present: John Plock, Mike McMahon, Tom Cline

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. The chairman added Item 8a. the joint co-op agreement for Plummer Pool improvements. Mr. Kezur requested any additional items for the agenda; hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

The organization of the 2024 board of trustees took place. Dave France was appointed to a three-year term as a Sylvania Township representative. Brian Kezur was reappointed to a three-year term as a City of Sylvania representative. Casey Nowicki 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. Mary Westphal was reappointed to the one-year term as the elected representative from the City of Sylvania.

The election of officers then took place. Mr. Nowicki nominated Brian Kezur for the position of chairperson, Mr. MacMillan seconded the nomination. Mr. MacMillan made the motion to close further nominations, Ms. Westphal seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Mr. Kezur, as chairperson of the board for 2024 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. Kezur nominated Rich MacMillan for the position of vice-chairperson, Ms. Felver seconded the nomination. Ms. Westphal made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. Nowicki seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Mr. MacMillan, as vice-chairperson of the board for 2024 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. Nowicki nominated Susie Felver for the position of secretary, Mr. Kezur seconded the nomination. Mr. MacMillan made the motion to close further nominations, Ms. Westphal seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Ms. Felver, as secretary of the board for 2024 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. Nowicki nominated Dave Spiess for the position of fiscal officer, Mr. MacMillan seconded the nomination. Mr. Hilfinger made the motion to close further nominations, Mr. MacMillan seconded the motion. The vote being (10) ayes; and (0) nays, nominations were closed. The vote to elect Mr. Spiess, as fiscal officer of the board for 2024 was (10) ayes; and (0) nays.

Mr. Kezur presented information on the committee assignments.

The chairman presented the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular meeting for approval. Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular meeting as presented. The vote being: Kevin Danzeisen, Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal (10) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

The January 23, 2024 regular board meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

There were no visitors in attendance for this meeting.

Mr. Kezur presented the December 2023 financial report for approval. Mr. MacMillan moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to approve the December 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, Kevin Danzeisen (10) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Kezur presented the January 2024 financial report for approval. Mr. Hacker moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, to approve the January 2024 financial report as presented. The vote being: Dave France, Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal, Kevin Danzeisen, Susie Felver (10) 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. Ms. Westphal moved, Mr. Hacker seconded, to approve the purchase order schedule as presented. The vote being: Ryan Hacker, George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal, Kevin Danzeisen, Susie Felver, Dave France (10) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mike McMahon presented the Sylvania Recreation Corp. financial report for January. At the conclusion of the financial report, Mr. McMahon reported on the Children's Wonderland exhibit held in the S&EC. A number of national acts have been booked for the summer season at Centennial Terrace and a few more are expected.

Tom Cline presented the Tam O'Shanter, Inc. financial report for January. Tom noted that cleaning of the facility has improved with a new vendor being retained. Capital projects are still ongoing.

Mr. Feller was not in attendance to present the capital improvement committee report, however, Mr. McMahon proceeded to address some false information that has been disseminated regarding the pickleball courts at VMF. Mike has been in contact with State of Ohio officials regarding the state grant used to finance construction of the courts and the ramifications of relocating the courts or removing them altogether. Mike advised the board of the responses he received. At this juncture, no further action will be taken by SAJRD.

The chairman presented item 8a, which was a Joint Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Sylvania and SAJRD for Plummer Pool Improvements. Mike McMahon provided background information on the agreement and his work with the City's service department to formulate the cost sharing for the project which includes a \$300,000 State of Ohio grant to rehabilitate and improve Plummer Pool which is owned by the City of Sylvania and operated by the Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District (SAJRD). Mr. Danzeisen moved, Mr. MacMillan seconded, to authorize the intention of approving the joint cooperation agreement for the improvements so that equipment can be purchased, and engineering can proceed in order for the pool to be open this swimming season. A formal resolution will be presented to the SAJRD board at the next regular meeting. The vote being: George Hilfinger, Brian Kezur, Rich MacMillan, Shawn Murphy, Casey Nowicki, Mary Westphal, Kevin Danzeisen, Susie Felver, Dave France, Ryan Hacker (10) ayes; (0) nays. The motion passed.

Mr. Danzeisen was excused at 8:30 a.m.

Casey Nowicki presented the finance and audit committee report. Mr. Nowicki notified the board that the committee is recommending that an initiative be placed on the November ballot to replace SAJRD's two continuing operating levies. This will not be a new tax. It will, however, allow for the effective millage to generate the revenue necessary to continue operations and provide for needed capital projects. Legal counsel will be retained to prepare legislation and documents to be submitted to the Lucas County Board of Elections for the November general election.

Mr. Nowicki was excused at 9:00 a.m.

During the chairman's report, Mr. Kezur announced that due to the next regular meeting being scheduled during spring break and several trustees will be unable to attend on that date, that the March board meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

The roundtable took place with no additional items brought forward.

There being no further business to conduct, Ms. Westphal moved, Mr. Hilfinger seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All present voting (8) ayes; (0) nays, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Plock, Recording Secretary