

# **EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT**

**October 6, 2025**

## **Call to Order**

Halli Watson called the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District meeting to order on Tuesday, October 6, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. via virtual meeting.

## **Roll Call**

Those answering roll included Ms. Halli Watson, Mr. Todd Musacchio, Ms. Jody Grieger, Bernie Kooi, and Ms. Maria Sobota. Mr. Greg Elliott was absent. Others in attendance included Sunbury City Administrator Daryl Hennessy and Michael Ringle from Bricker Graydon.

## **Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Watson to approve the minutes with corrections and seconded by Mr.. Kooi. Upon roll, 4 yeas minutes approved. Ms. Sobota abstained.

## **Visitors**

There were no visitors who wished to speak to the Board.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Hennessy reviewed the 2025 budget as of September 30, noting additional appropriations based on the revised budget. Expenditures to date include the insurance payment to the Ohio Plan, legal expenses through September, and the first payment to Pizzuti Solutions. Total 2025 expenditures to date are just under \$19,900. He added that no new policy drafts or major legal items are pending, and the Pizzuti contract has been executed. Adjustments can be made later in the year if needed.

Discussion then turned to the proposed 2026 budget. Mr. Hennessy emphasized that figures are preliminary, maintaining insurance at current levels and including allocations for accounting, auditing, legal, and consulting services. Legal costs for potential bond issuance are not included at this stage. He also noted possible expenses for conceptual architectural plans and preliminary construction estimates should the community center project advance to the ballot. A cost-sharing breakdown was presented, showing projected contributions from Sunbury, Berkshire Township, and Galena, with Berkshire's share confirmed and Galena's still under review.

Ms. Sobota inquired about Berkshire Township's contribution and funding for focus groups and community engagement. Mr. Hennessy confirmed Berkshire's share was agreed upon with Tyler Lane and that current focus group costs are included in the Pizzuti Solutions contract. Members discussed adding flexibility for unanticipated costs, and Mr. Ringle suggested increasing the consulting line item rather than adding a new category. The Board agreed to raise the proposed 2026 budget to \$100,000, adding \$5,000 to consulting services.

Motion to amend the preliminary 2026 budget to \$100,000 by Mr. Kooi, seconded by Ms. Watson. Upon roll all yeas, motion passed.

Mr. Hennessy reviewed the needs assessment and market analysis project with the Board, summarizing key points from the kickoff meeting with Pizzuti Solutions. He noted that the consultant will provide Board updates every two to three months, with biweekly coordination calls held with the steering committee to manage project progress. Stakeholder groups and benchmarking communities such as Upper Arlington, Hilliard, and Reynoldsburg were discussed, with plans to schedule site visits for further insight. The first community meeting was announced for November 12 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Berkshire Township Hall, led by Pizzuti Solutions. The meeting will include an opportunity for public feedback and the launch of an online community survey.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business for the Board, **Ms. Watson** moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by **Mr. Kooi**. The motion was approved 5-0.