

EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT

August 27, 2025

Call to Order

Halli Watson called the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District meeting to order on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Sunbury Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Those answering roll included Ms. Jody Grieger, Ms. Halli Watson, Mr. Todd Musacchio, Mr. Bernard Kooi, Ms. Maria Sobota, and Mr. Greg Elliott. 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, seconded by **Mr. Elliott**. Upon roll, 5 yeas minutes passed. Ms. Sobota abstained.

Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

Old Business

Jim Russell, with Pizzuti Solutions, introduced the company and presented their proposed approach to conducting a community needs assessment and market analysis for a community center. With 95% of their work in the public sector and extensive Central Ohio experience, the team outlined a three-phase process for completing the work: (1) engaging the community in preliminary discussions and gathering data, (2) visioning exercises to establish priorities, and (3) delivering a project report that includes space planning, preliminary cost estimates, site concepts, and funding strategies. Options for funding the project could include bonds, levies, TIFs, user fees, sponsorships, and partnerships, all aimed at minimizing reliance on taxes. Pizzuti Solutions' engagement plan highlights multi-generational input through surveys, meetings, and creative outreach. The project is estimated to take six months to complete.

Motion by **Mr. Elliot** seconded by **Ms. Sobota**, to approve the contract with Pizzuti Solutions with conditions including available appropriations, receipt of funds, and legal review. Upon roll call, all yeas.

Discussion took place between Board members, City staff, and legal counsel regarding purchase of insurance coverage through the Ohio Plan. The total cost is \$2,537 after a \$550 credit and provides coverage for general liability, cyber liability, public officials' liability, and automobile including Board member driving scenarios. Risk manager access is also included.

Motion by **Mr. Kooi** seconded by **Ms. Watson**, to untangle the insurance topic, Upon roll call, all yeas.

Motion by **Ms. Watson** seconded by **Mr. Kooi**, to accept the Ohio Plan insurance policy, Upon roll call, all yeas

New Business

Discussion took place between staff and Board members regarding the current year and 2026 budgets. A budget amendment is needed to account for additional contract and insurance costs, with Sunbury already appropriating funds and Galena and Berkshire to be approached for contributions. For 2026, the Board discussed conservative versus aggressive budgeting, noted that appropriations do not carry over, and confirmed that the population-based cost-sharing formula will be updated annually. The Board will continue its discussion about the 2026 budget at its next meeting.

Adjournment

After discussion, the Board agreed that its next meeting will be virtual and will be held on September 15, 2025 at 8:00 pm. There being no further business for the Board, **Ms. Watson** moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by **Mr. Musacchio**. The motion was approved 6-0.