

EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2025

Call to Order

Halli Watson called the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District meeting to order on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. inside the City of Sunbury Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Those answering roll included Mr. Greg Elliott, Ms. Jody Greiger Ms. Halli Watson, Mr. Todd Musacchio, Mr. Bernie Kooi, and Ms. Maria Sobota. Others in attendance included Sunbury City Administrator Daryl Hennessy.

Minutes

Motion by Mr. Musacchio to approve the minutes from November 3 2025, and seconded by Ms. Greiger, Upon roll, 6 yeas minutes passed

Motion by Mr. Elliott to approve the minutes from November 12, 2025 special meeting, and seconded by Ms. Kooi, Upon roll, 6 yeas minutes passed.

Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Hennessy provided an update on the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis, including findings from the community survey and related ongoing items. A total of 902 survey responses have been received to date, with approximately 81% of respondents representing the three core jurisdictions. One final public announcement will be issued to encourage any remaining participation, and a summary of the survey results is expected to be presented prior to the next meeting. In addition, members were asked to submit names and contact information for local youth sports leaders for an upcoming youth sports focus group, which will be facilitated by Pizzuti. The focus group is intended to include representation from baseball, softball, hockey, and other youth sports organizations.

New Business

Mr. Hennessy reviewed Resolution 2025-13, a budget amendment for FY2025, noting that legal fees exceeded the budgeted amount and were offset by reallocations of \$463 from insurance and \$500 from the consultant line item. The legal fees line item was adjusted to \$10,963, reflecting an actual expense of approximately \$10,647.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-13 with amendments, by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mr. Kooi, upon roll all yeas.

Mr. Hennessy reviewed Resolution 2025-14 for approval of the FY2026 budget in the amount of \$100,000, including \$3,000 for insurance, \$15,000 for legal, and \$80,000 for consulting. Contributions are expected from Sunbury, Berkshire, and Galena, with clarification that the budget may be amended if any jurisdiction is unable to contribute the full amount.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-14 with amendments, by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mr. Musacchio, upon roll all yeas.

Mr. Hennessy presented a preview of the Joint Recreation District website, including a live demonstration of the site, which has not yet been publicly launched. The landing page features the mission statement,

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board photos, meeting links, and a contact form, with meeting minutes currently linked through Sunbury's website and a future goal of independent hosting.

Discussion continued regarding current and future features of the website, with the Board offering suggestions for enhancements as the site grows. Recommendations included adding links to partners, sponsors, and donors; creating an "Interested in Helping?" section; clarifying administrative access and message recipients; and exploring the possible use of AI chat for user inquiries. Future features may also include a document repository and the addition of a donation policy.

Mr. Hennessy reminded the Board about the upcoming site visit to the Bob Crane Community Center in Upper Arlington, scheduled for December 12th at 11:00 a.m. Members were asked to RSVP in advance to help avoid a potential quorum violation.

Information

Discussion took place regarding Board appointments and the next meeting, including upcoming term renewals for Ms. Greiger and Mr. Elliott, which must be completed by the end of the year, as well as clarification of Board member term durations. An updated roster will be distributed. Additional discussion focused on community engagement planning and venue options for the next community meeting following capacity issues at Berkshire Town Hall. Suggested alternative venues included schools, churches, and gyms, with considerations given to ADA accessibility, cost, and availability. The goal is to secure a larger venue and ensure early communication.

Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board, **Mr. Kooi** moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by **Ms. Watson**. The motion was approved 6-0.