

## **EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT**

**June 26, 2025**

### **Call to Order**

Halli Watson called the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District meeting to order on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunbury Council Chambers.

### **Roll Call**

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

### **Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Grieger to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Elliot. Upon roll, 5 yeas minutes passed. Mr. Kooi abstained.

### **Visitors**

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Hennessy provided an update on the consultant selection process. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been released, with applications due by July 7. A review committee—consisting of Miss Sabata, Mr. Musacchio, and staff—is scheduled to meet on July 9 to evaluate submissions. At least three consulting firms have expressed their intent to apply. All submitted questions and responses will be made publicly available. While the full board will not participate in the review, RFQ submissions may be shared for general awareness. Time has been allocated for optional interviews prior to making a recommendation by July 31. Funding will be addressed after the consultant is selected and may involve contributions from participating jurisdictions.

### **New Business**

Mr. Ringle reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy Resolution 2025-11 with the Board, reminding members that they are subject to its requirements. He highlighted that the policy requires an annual affirmation by board members to disclose any potential conflicts. Key provisions include definitions of “interested person” and “compensation,” the duty to disclose conflicts to the chair or vice chair, and the requirement for members to recuse themselves from discussion or decision-making until the conflict is resolved. He also noted the specific procedures in place if the chair or vice chair has a conflict.

Motion by Mr. Elliot on Resolution 2025-11, seconded by Mr. Kooi. Upon roll all yeas.

Mr. Hennessy presented community profile data to the Board to help inform future ballot initiatives. Based on Delaware County Regional Planning Commission profiles, 2025 population estimates are approximately 7,500 in Berkshire, 1,650 in Galena, and 7,900 in Sunbury. Sunbury has the youngest median age (33), while Berkshire is the oldest (38.5). Median household income is highest in Berkshire (~\$136,000), with Sunbury at ~\$92,000. Home values range from ~\$400,000 in Sunbury to ~\$500,000 in Berkshire. About 44% of the population across all jurisdictions is between ages 27–60. A discussion followed on ballot strategy and election timing. The Board considered the May primary or November general election in 2026, noting that costs may be lower if shared with other entities and that voter turnout is typically higher in congressional election years. Political context and potential competing ballot issues were also discussed.

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**INFORMATION**

Mr. Hennessy reviewed historical ballot information from the May 8, 2007 JRD vote, noting that approximately 2,200 voters opposed the millage, while around 1,300 supported it. This information was shared for context only, and no action was taken. Mr. Ringle and the board discussed election planning, focusing on the timing, costs, and legal requirements for placing a levy on the May or November 2026 ballot. Key points included cost-sharing opportunities, coordination with other jurisdictions, and the need to certify the issue 90 days in advance. Legal and consulting costs are estimated at \$10,000–\$20,000, and the board may seek donations or appropriations. If passed, the levy could support future operations.

Mr. Hennessy and the board discussed the possibility of rotating meeting locations among the participating municipalities. The next meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2025, and will be held in Berkshire.

Ms. Watson provided an administrative update, noting that the bank account is in the process of being opened. She also shared that insurance quotes have been received and will require further review to compare coverage options and costs.

**Adjournment**

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