

Johnstown Joint Recreation District
Wednesday, August 25, 2021 - 6:30 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Johnstown Clerk of Council Teresa Monroe called the Joint Recreation District Board meeting for August 25, 2021 to order at 6:30 pm

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present - Susan Suriano, Ed Baldwin, Jeff Barr, Keith Ryan
Absent - None

Others Present - Daryl Wernette, Teresa Monroe - Village of Johnstown Clerk of Council

3. Action on Minutes

a. August 12, 2021

ACTION: Susan Suriano moved to Approve; Ed Baldwin seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Susan Suriano, Ed Baldwin, Jeff Barr, Keith Ryan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

4. Public Comments

1. Daryl Wernette; 7473 Concord Road, Alexandria

- Shared that he was an applicant for the Joint Rec District and has continued interest in being on the board.
- His interest is predominately driven by his position as the Commissioner of the youth soccer league at JYAA; also has senior in-laws in the area and thinks about how to keep them active and healthy.
- Has seen the challenges with the growth of our town and having the necessary facilities available for all and figuring out how to be a part of the solution is very interesting to him.
- Enjoys solving problems in a collaborative way

Jeff Barr asked for a quick summary of Mr. Wernette's work background and education.

- Mr. Wernette said he is a Scientist at Owen's Corning in Granville, works in composites making fiberglass for large wind turbines. He partners with customers that have different problems, figures out which of those problems to go solve, works with their technical teams to figure out which ideas can solve them.
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- Background is in chemistry, skills that would be leveraged here would be around project management as well as ideation tools mentioned.

No further comments

5. Board member Appointment

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to enter Executive Session to consider the appointment of a fifth Board member to the Johnstown Joint Recreation District; Susan Suriano seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Susan Suriano, Ed Baldwin, Jeff Barr, Keith Ryan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

Entered Executive Session at 6:54 pm

Returned to Regular Session at 7:18 pm

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to nominate Daryl Wernette as their fifth board member; Susan Suriano seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ed Baldwin, Jeff Barr, Keith Ryan, Susan Suriano

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

6. Member perspectives of JJRD Vision

Discussion on gathering the information and background that prompted the creation of this board. Goal to reach out to the school, JYAA and community to get their "wish list" for facilities etc. Jeff Barr said he does not want duplication of efforts on projects, that they should work in cooperation with the Johnstown Village Park and Rec Committee. Keith Ryan said he attended the last committee meeting and said that is not what is wanted, he thinks they are looking for this board to fill a larger need than what they are filling, not necessarily jump on board with what they are doing; they are looking for this board to fill a need that is not there. Jeff Barr discussed his vision to get a levy on the ballot to have capital and operating dollars and be able to find land for purchase. Susan Suriano said focus should be on getting organized as a board, identifying things to implement right away at little to no cost that show the community that they are active and are getting something going, also to start building relationships because eventually they will ask them for their money; they need to look at what will appeal to the majority of people who will use and want something in this community. Important to identify short term goals, long term goals, little to no cost goals and big money goals, identify grants etc. need to figure out their direction and priorities. Jeff Barr said he would be able to get JYAA's wish list, Keith Ryan said he could ask the School Board, Susan Suriano to reach out and ask

the Johnstown Village Park and Rec Committee, Ed Baldwin to reach out to Downtown Johnstown. Ed Baldwin said he would caution the group to stay multi-purpose (not just rectangular sports fields); discussion on programming and that being an important message to get out. Discussion on land potentially available and the Miles Estate property left by Brigadier General Perry Miles; Keith Ryan provided some history and will circulate the documents he has to the balance of the board.

7. Potential name change of the JJRD

From previous discussion on differences in a recreation district versus a park district and changing the name; members expressed opinions and openness to doing so. Members to consider and research, will be added to next agenda.

Board will need insurance set up, Keith Ryan said he reached out to Allison Speck who will be quoting a price.

8. Identify neighboring communities/contacts for operational & organizational ideas

Jeff Barr shared that Andy Wildman, Director of Granville Recreation District, is anxious to meet and discuss, Jeff will forward contact. Jeff said he also has a phone call in to the Ohio Parks and Rec association to see if they could forward some contacts to get other districts bylaws as examples. Board to gather examples of other bylaws and work individually on the draft and bring their comments to the full board.

9. Other Business

1. Next meeting dates set for September 8th and 22nd at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.
2. Jeff Barr to forward Daryl Wernette's contact information.
3. Review of agenda items for next meeting.
4. Teresa Monroe to email the word document of the bylaws draft out to board members.

10. Adjourn

ACTION:	Jeff Barr moved to Adjourn; Keith Ryan seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Susan Suriano, Ed Baldwin, Jeff Barr, Keith Ryan
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 4 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm