



Johnstown Joint Recreation District Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 - 6:30 PM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 8, 2021
5. Board Name Change Consideration
6. Mission/Vision Statement Discussion
7. Constitution & Bylaws - Draft discussion
8. 501c3 Tax Exempt Status Research
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Johnstown Clerk of Council Teresa Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm

2. Roll Call

Present - Susan Suriano, Ed Baldwin, Keith Ryan, Jeff Barr

Absent - Daryl Wernette

Others present - Teresa Monroe - Village of Johnstown Clerk of Council

Public present - None

3. Election of Board Leadership

After discussion on officer positions, duties and interest, motions to appoint were as follows:

a. Chair

ACTION: Keith Ryan moved to nominate Jeff Barr as Chairman; Ed Baldwin seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

b. Vice-Chair

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved that Daryl Wernette be appointed to the Vice-Chair/Secretary position; Susan Suriano seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

c. Fiscal Officer

ACTION: Susan Suriano moved that Keith Ryan be appointed as Fiscal Officer; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

Officers appointed

Chairman: Jeff Barr

Vice Chair/Secretary: Daryl Wernette

Fiscal Officer: Keith Ryan

ACTION: Keith Ryan moved that each position have a one year term that can be renewed; Ed Baldwin seconded

Discussion on staggering the terms; motion unchanged and the vote was as follows:
AYES: Keith Ryan, Ed Baldwin, Susan Suriano, Jeff Barr,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 – 0

4. Approval of Minutes

a. August 25, 2021

ACTION: Susan Suriano moved to Approve the minutes from the August 25th meeting; Keith Ryan seconded and the vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 4 - 0

5. Public Comment

None

6. Board Name Change Consideration

Discussion on choosing a name that indicates a larger area than just the city of Johnstown. “Greater” Johnstown and Johnstown “Area” Recreational District were ideas. Jeff Barr said he wants to do some research on wording (Parks vs. Recreation etc.) to see if either makes a difference on a ballot. Discussion tabled.

7. Constitution & Bylaws - Draft Discussion and Review of Neighboring Bylaws

a. Constitution and Bylaws Draft

Jeff Barr to take point on reaching out to other districts for their bylaws to use as a red line

version.

8. Other Business

- a. Jeff Barr; need to start to establish their vision and mission and what they want to accomplish in the immediate future, then intermediate and the end game. At last meeting he said he would ask JYAA what their top priority was; it is getting additional field space, they do not have funding to purchase acreage for any sort of complex.
- b. Keith Ryan said he spoke to Tim Swauger with the school board and “beyond” sports is very important, to have recreational space for activities other than sports; passive recreation space. Keith said from his personal perspective there is also a desperate need for green space.
- c. Susan Suriano summarized “wants” identified as inclusion (all age groups), diversity (a variety of sports and passive recreation) and quality of life (being able to stay in our own community for activities). Proposed members coming with ideas for a mission or vision statement.
- d. Ed Baldwin; spoke on getting people to vote for a levy, asks what is in it for those who do not have kids in sports, focus and mission statement should be broad to include activities for all. Mr. Ryan agreed saying the more people they can touch the more successful they will be.
- e. Jeff Barr; discussion on cooperation with other entities such as Downtown Johnstown Inc. and the Village of Johnstown Park and Rec Committee. Keith Ryan said he would be attending the committee meetings and will provide Rec District updates and gather other information that could be helpful.
- f. Keith Ryan reached out on insurance, still factfinding. Difficulty getting any companies to offer a quote without basic financials.
- g. Discussion on getting 501c3 non-profit status. Jeff Barr questions if the district can ask for money and go use that money as propaganda for asking constituents to pass a levy; that would be a legal question, Ms Suriano said she would investigate.

9. Adjourn

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

Passed 4 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

