



MASSILLON RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 19, 2026

The Massillon Recreation Board met in regular session on August 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Present: Ted Schartiger, Dee Spencer, T.R. Rivera, Caylor Colly *Absent:* Mark Hickey

Staff Members:

Present: Steve Pedro, Carol Leonard, Tiana Spencer, Joe Pape, Carrie Lowry, Caroline Ferrel, Greg Myers

Acceptance of August 19, 2026 Meeting Agenda:

26-080 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the August 19, 2026 meeting agenda. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Regular Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2026:

26-081 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve the July 15, 2026 Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Expense Reports:

26-082 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve the July 2026 Parks and Recreation Expense report totaling \$296,758.92. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

26-083 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the July 2026 Legends Golf Course Expense report totaling \$247,996.59. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Hires (Attachment)

26-084 *Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the new hires. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote*

2. Field rental request (Attachment)

26-085 *Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the field rental request. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote*

Mr. Colly: Have they done this one in the past?

Steve Pedro: Are they new Joe?

Tiana Spencer: They are new

Joe Pape: No. The Jags are not but the one at Genshaft is

Tiana Spencer: Yes

Steve Pedro: Yes, the first one is for Wampler Park

Joe Pape: The one for Genshaft is a three-day tournament

Mr. Colly: No issues? It looks like it's for the Massillon girls. No competition issues or anything like that?

Steve Pedro: No

Mr. Rivera: How much do we charge for the rental for the three-day period?

Tiana Spencer: It is \$10 per field, per hour plus a three-hour minimum per day of \$50 an hour for maintenance and then on the back end of the tournament, there is a \$150 clean up fee and then if they use the lights, that is an additional \$15 an hour per hour, per field.

Mr. Rivera: \$400-\$500 per day for Genshaft?

Tiana Spencer: Yes, depending, yes

Mr. Rivera: Roughly, depending on how long they are there

Tiana Spencer: Yes

3. Stark County Health Dept. truck inspections at Genshaft Park on 10/6/2026 (Attachment)

26-086 Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the Stark County Health Dept. truck inspections at Genshaft Park on 10/6/2026 (Attachment). Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Steve Pedro: They've been doing this for a few years now. They just use the parking lot. It is on a Tuesday during the day. There is nothing going on down there during the day time. It's just good-will.

4. Wampler Park Rental and Fundraiser (Attachment)

26-087 Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the Wampler Park Rental and Fundraiser. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Steve Pedro: The reason this is on here is they are renting the park but it is also a fundraiser as you can see in the letter here. Any time we do that, the board has to approve if they are going to raise any funds. I think it's a great idea. It's something they asked about a while ago. I told them I would put it on the board agenda.

Mr. Colly: It's good

5. Replace wood decking on Lincoln Way Towpath bridge, not to exceed \$60,000.00

26-088 Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve to replace the wood decking on Lincoln Way Towpath Bridge, not to exceed \$60,000.00. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.

Steve Pedro: Do you know what bridge we are talking about? By Chipotle, there. About two weeks ago, three weeks ago, there is a hole in the bridge. A little child's leg could probably go

through it. We covered it up with plywood, made it secure, but then speaking with the Safety Service Director, we decided to close it. They can re-route to the Tremont bridge so they can still get downtown. I put \$60,000.00 on there. I have one estimate right now. To replace the wood decking is \$20,000.00. They have to develop a plan for ODOT because they have to shut down four lanes of highway at some point, probably one lane at a time. That is another \$1,100.00. And then for the traffic control, we still are waiting to see if the city or the police department can help with that or if we need to source that out like with AWP or someone like that. They're estimating that would be \$15,000.00-\$25,000.00. It's a three- or four-day project but the complication is coming right off of Lilian Gish, right under the bridge so they are recommending we get traffic control, a company. I haven't confirmed that yet and I don't know what the exact cost would be. I have two prices for wood. One is \$6,700.00. Another one is \$10,000.00. I'm going to get with engineering to determine which wood we should use. The one that is on there now is yellow southern pine and it's kind of rotted, a lot of it. The gentleman I talked to that put it in from Wheeler which is in Wisconsin, recommended that we don't put that back down. Carter Lumber gave me a price for southern yellow pine and I told them I didn't know about that, it's on there now. I'm trying to find out if this wood has been on there for 25 years. They replaced the bridge in 2019. There is a chance they used that wood instead of putting new wood in. I want you to know that we are still working on this. This is not done yet. I'm also going to apply for a grant to help with this that is due September 1. The maximum of that grant, they said is \$25,000.00. It's kind of an emergency grant that they are offering. MWCD, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District has these grants that are for emergencies. I'm going to apply for that to see if we get it. There are a couple other avenues for funding that I'm going to look at as well. The Ohio Erie Canalway may or may not be one of them. I talked to Ernie's Bike Shop. They are involved in a lot of this stuff and they gave me some recommendations. CCI from Canton is going to give us another quote, could be more, could be less, we don't know yet. I'd like to get this approved and then I will let everyone know once we get these estimates so you know exactly what we are spending on that. I don't know how long it is going to take for that grant either. The wood from Wisconsin could take two months. They have to make it. It is 3 x 8. They don't keep that in the yard, apparently. The one in Canton said they could have it in two-three weeks. There are a lot of different variables in this that we are not sure of yet. I think \$60,000.00 is a good number that we could get under that. That's why I put that on there.

Mr. Colly: You said it lasted 25 years last time?

Steve Pedro: The original bridge was put in in 2002. In 2019, someone hit the bridge. The city replaced it with grant dollars and insurance funding. The Parks and Rec bought this bridge which I wasn't sure of and I didn't like to hear that but it's our bridge. I'm looking for other help with this. It looks like they used the same wood on the new bridge.

Mr. Colly: Okay

Steve Pedro: Maybe they didn't. If they didn't, the southern yellow pine might be good, if we can go that route. \$4,000.00 is \$4,000.00, but, this other wood is treated with oil and is said to last 30 years. I just want to make sure we do the right thing and not have to replace it again any time soon.

Mr. Colly: Spend \$4,000.00 now and...

Steve Pedro: Exactly. That's what I mean, that \$4,000.00. It might be smarter to do that but it might not. I'm just trying to get other opinions as well.

6. A resolution supporting Parks & Recreation grant application to Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Connecting Communities Grant Program

26-089 *Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the resolution supporting Parks & Recreation grant application to Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Connecting Communities Grant Program. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Steve Pedro: We have to do this. You are part of a governing body, as the Rec Board and I have a form that they haven't sent me yet. I'm going to have to have probably one of you, maybe two of you sign that, allowing me to apply for this grant. It's a formality but they need that resolution. As soon as I get that, I will be getting in contact and then we will apply for that grant.

7. Replace Irrigation Control Panel at the Legends, not to exceed \$74,999.00 (Attachment)

26-090 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve to replace the Irrigation Control Panel at the Legends, not to exceed \$74,999.00. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Greg Myers: This is our main control panel for our entire irrigation system. This operates the two big pumps we have down there and it is basically the heart of the irrigation system. The one we currently have is the original, 30 years old. It was put in in 1995 and is long past its life expectancy, I believe. This is the quote to replace it. This would be done next year. These panels are quite large and custom built. They take about ten weeks to build so this would be installed after the first of the year, next spring some time. It would need approval now to have it start being built so it will be ready for spring, ready for next year.

Mr. Rivera: What's the location, where's the location of the panel?

Greg Myers: This is on 2 south pond. There is a small brick building next to the pond. That is the pump house. The pumps and the panels are all inside of that building.

Mr. Rivera: Is that pump house conditioned at all? Does it have a heater in it?

Greg Myers: No. We set up heaters in the winter. There is an exhaust fan. It does produce quite a bit of heat in there. We have a large exhaust fan that is on a thermostat. It blows the heat out when needed.

Mr. Rivera: I ask about the location because of the moisture.

Greg Myers: Yes. Heat is an issue. We have the exhaust fans to try to keep it as cool in there as possible. In the winter time we set up some heaters trying to keep things half way warm.

Mr. Rivera: That makes sense

8. Appropriate \$74,999.00 from the Unappropriated Balance of the Parks & Rec Fund (1234) to the following account: 1433-920-5-2510

26-091 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve to appropriate \$74,999.00 from the Unappropriated Balance of the Parks & Rec Fund (1234) to the following account: 1433-920-5-2510. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Mr. Schartiger: That's what you were talking about in item 7

Steve Pedro: Yes. We'll appropriate that money from the carryover

9. 2027 Parks & Recreation budget (Attachment)

26-092 *Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the 2027 Parks & Recreation budget. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Steve Pedro: We received notice from the auditor's department about what we will be receiving for next year, the \$3,381,491.00. You can go down the list and if you have any questions about any of the items. We are going to have \$354,652.00 for Capital Improvements. We are working on those now. We usually try to get pricing by the end of the year, but we don't usually do any pricing until the budget is approved, so we know. You can see we did some increases for the parks. Hopefully we will get more people as well as recreation. If you remember, this year we get 27 pays. There is a discrepancy in some of the numbers because we had 27 pays this year instead of 26. They added the last pay of the year last year to 2026. We have a long list of a wish list now. We will narrow those down as we go, for Capital Improvement anyway. I can tell you that revenue, right now, for Parks and Rec is up 5% and the golf course is up 3% as of July 31st. It may be a little more by the end of the year, especially for golf. We'll keep in contact with the auditor's office to get this information as we go.

Ms. Spencer: Steve, who does the travel/seminar/schooling?

Steve Pedro: The full-time staff. The Ohio Parks and Recreation has a convention every year. Some of us go for three days, some go just one day. I think next year Joe and I are going to go for one day. You get a lot out of it if you stay but sometimes it is kind of repetitive every year.

Steve Pedro: For the pays, the city is proposing a 3% raise for all city employees.

10. 2027 Legends budget (Attachment)

26-093 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve the 2027 Legends budget. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Steve Pedro: Again, the number at the bottom is what is being certified along with the capital improvements and then the capital equipment that has the leases. With the capital improvements, we hopefully will be able to do some other things down at the golf course. Again, Carrie and I spoke about that and we are confirming those numbers, we will start confirming those numbers. You can add anything you would like Carrie, or not.

Carrie Lowry: There's nothing much to add. As you can see, 2026 and 2027 pretty much stays the same. Just the labor line goes up, gas as well. It's pretty similar to this year. We will know a little more in September where our revenue stands and go from there.

BOARD REPORTS:

Board Reports were submitted by:

- 1. Parks - Joe Pape**
- 2. The Legends – Carrie Lowry**
- 3. Senior Center – Caroline Ferrell**
- 4. Recreation – Tiana Spencer**
- 5. Director's Report - Steve Pedro**

Adjournment

26-094 *Mr. Schartiger moved to adjourn the August 19, 2026 Massillon Recreation Board meeting.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm. The next scheduled regular meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026** at 5:00 pm at the Massillon Recreation Center.

Transcribed By: *Carol Leonard, Office Manager*