



MASSILLON RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2026

The Massillon Recreation Board met in regular session on June 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Present: Ted Schartiger, Mark Hickey, Caylor Colly, T.R. Rivera

Staff Members:

Present: Steve Pedro, Carol Leonard, Tiana Spencer, Joe Pape, Carrie Lowry

Acceptance of June 17, 2026 Meeting Agenda:

26-061 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the June 17, 2026 meeting agenda. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Regular Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2026:

26-062 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the May 20, 2026 Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Expense Reports:

26-063 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the May 2026 Parks and Recreation Expense report totaling \$267,251.50. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

26-064 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve the May 2026 Legends Golf Course Expense report totaling \$221,743.50. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Hires (Attachment)

26-065 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the new hires. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

2. Massillon Museum Island Party Liquor Permit at Duncan Plaza on 7/17/2026 (Attachment)

26-066 *Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Mr. Hickey to approve the Massillon Museum Island Party Liquor Permit at Duncan Plaza on 7/17/2026. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Mr. Hickey: I do have a question.

Steve Pedro: Yes

Mr. Hickey: Is there a, I see the permit, is there a special events liability or anything?

Steve Pedro: We haven't had any. We haven't had that, no. They do sign the rental agreement for Duncan Plaza. Any other rental, they do sign hold harmless as well.

Mr. Hickey: Who signs it?

Steve Pedro: The museum personnel

Mr. Hickey: Museum?

Steve Pedro: Yes, the renter, whoever the renter is

Mr. Hickey: What you are saying is, we are held harmless?

Steve Pedro: Yes. As with any park. It's the same verbiage. They've been doing this for a while now.

Mr. Hickey: If something happens, are they coming back on the Museum or are they coming back on us?

Steve Pedro: I would think they would have to go back on the Museum if anybody

Mr. Hickey: Okay

3. Museum Island Party parking and shuttle service from the Rec Center 5:00-11:00 PM

26-067 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve Museum Island Party parking and shuttle service from the Rec Center 5:00-11:00PM. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote.*

Steve Pedro: They called and asked if they could use our parking lot that evening for the Island Party

Mr. Schartiger: They're going to use this parking lot?

Steve Pedro: Yes, they're going to use the outskirts. We don't have any special events that evening. Other than the normal traffic, we should be fine.

4. Accept MCH Nurse's School statue from Massillon Museum, to be placed in Duncan Plaza

26-068 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to accept MCH Nurse's School statue from Massillon Museum, to be placed in Duncan Plaza. Motion carried 3-0 by roll call vote. One no vote from Mr. Hickey.*

Mr. Hickey: Why are we putting a statue in Duncan Plaza?

Steve Pedro: I would like to explain. The old nurse's school...we don't have to. They asked. They would like to put it in Duncan Plaza or another park and I just thought with it being part of Massillon if we want to accept, I figured that would be the best place for it to be to be honest with you. If we don't want to accept it, we don't have to. They asked if I would ask the board if we would accept the statue. There are some things in our parks that have come over time and it was donated and we put it in a park. It's kind of a common thing around cities to do things like this. We don't have to take it.

Mr. Hickey: No, I'm just asking. What is the connection there?

Steve Pedro: It's just part of Massillon, that's the only connection. It's not necessarily part of the parks. If we don't accept it, maybe they will find somewhere else to put it in town and that would be fine as well.

Mr. Schartiger: What are they going to do with it if we don't accept it?

Steve Pedro: I don't know the answer. I assume they will find somewhere to put it if we don't. They asked if we wanted it so I'm bringing it to the board.

Mr. Rivera: Any idea where in Duncan Plaza we would put it?

Steve Pedro: We looked at the area straight across from Liebermann's. There's a big bed there that we cleaned out and it's kind of open. We have some plants in there. If we can come up with a better idea or not or we can vote it down. I'm not telling you how to vote, I'm just saying. They asked so I brought it to you.

Mr. Colly: There are statues all over the place. It's part of the history. It is pretty nifty.

Mr. Schartiger: I don't have a problem with it

Mr. Colly: As long as no one graffiti's it

Steve Pedro: Well I can't guarantee you that. It's bronze, it's life-size. It sits on a concrete base. It's right there, it's probably less than...

Mr. Hickey: Carrie, do you want that at the golf course? (laughter)

Carrie Lowry: No (laughter)

Mr. Hickey: I hate to see that go to waste. Carrie, are you sure?

Carrie Lowry: We'll find a place for it

Mr. Rivera: It would be right next to the Museum's property?

Steve Pedro: Yes

Mr. Rivera: Right across that little alley

Steve Pedro: Yes, in that area

Mr. Hickey: Why don't they put it on their property? Just out of curiosity.

Steve Pedro: I don't know the answer to that. Apparently, they don't want to. They asked me and I told them I would bring it to the board.

Mr. Hickey: Now that's really got me thinking

Mr. Colly: Is it haunted or something?

Steve Pedro: I don't know the answer to that one either. That's a tough one. I don't remember it. I'm too young I guess. I'm sure it was up there on 8th street somewhere.

Mr. Hickey: I just don't see what the connection is

Steve Pedro: I looked some things up. It is a common in cities to take donations that are historical to the city and sometimes they are placed in parks. That's the only reason I brought it

to you. It's not uncommon to do things like this. But if we want to wait, it's in a garage right now on rollers.

Carrie Lowry: Legends Care Center

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

26-069 *Mr. Schartiger moved to adjourn the June 17, 2026 Massillon Recreation Board meeting.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 pm. The next scheduled regular meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Massillon Recreation Center.

Transcribed By: *Carol Leonard, Office Manager*