



MASSILLON RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 23, 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, Mark Hickey

Staff Members:

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

Acceptance of September 23, 2026 Meeting Agenda:

26-096 Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the September 23, 2026 meeting agenda. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Regular Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2026:

26-097 Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve the August 19, 2026 Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0 by roll call vote. 1 Abstained by Mr. Hickey

Public Comments:

Paul Mutchler: My name is Paul Mutchler. I am a resident of Massillon and I am a member of the Magi here in Massillon. I just wanted to come down and thank Steve, the board, the Rec Center and Park Department for moving forward with the bridge. It is a really important thing for bicycle riders to have it safe, just to have it open. I think, some of you know, I was at a lot of the meetings here a few years ago when we were trying to figure out things to do for the city and having that bridge open there and more signage will bring more bicycle people in here because OTEC Trail, we want to try to get people to come into Massillon and patronize our businesses, our lounges and all that kind of stuff. I just wanted to let you know there are a lot of people really happy that this bridge project is going to go through and start bringing people back into Massillon.

Mr. Schartiger: Thank you, sir

Mr. Colly: Thank you

Mr. Schartiger: Any other public comments?

Mr. Colly: We appreciate you stopping by

Paul: One thing, I haven't been here, sorry about that. Also, up at 17th Street, Steve knows that I even check it once in a while for everybody. Getting that new restroom over there, for a number of years they kept bringing up, we have to get that restroom open. People coming in and across the

trail, that's very important. Particularly, I need to look around to see how many young people are here. For older people that need the restroom when they are on a distance whether a male or female, that was really a nice addition. Talking to older friends that bike through here, they say "man, that restroom is so nice". It hasn't been vandalized yet, has it Steve? We've been lucky. That's all we can say. Older people appreciate that too.

Mr. Schartiger: Thank you again.

Expense Reports:

26-098 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve the August 2026 Parks and Recreation Expense report totaling \$230,770.74. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.*

26-099 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Ms. Spencer to approve the August 2026 Legends Golf Course Expense report totaling \$232,739.33. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.*

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Hires (Attachment)

26-100 *Mr. Hickey moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the new hires. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.*

2. Accept holiday lights, shed and \$2,464.28 from the Downtown Massillon Association, which has dissolved (Attachment)

26-101 *Mr. Colly moved; seconded by Mr. Rivera to approve to accept holiday lights, shed and \$2,464.28 from the Downtown Massillon Association which has dissolved. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.*

Steve Pedro: We talked about this a while ago. The DMA has dissolved or disbanded. They, in the past, have decorated Duncan Plaza for Holly Days. The Santa Claus, the shed, the signage down there. Their volunteers are going to continue but with the DMA dissolving, they needed someone to take it so we will take the money and the lights. We have the lights in our shed anyway down at south Sippo. We are still going to do Holly Days. The day after the parade, they have a light up. This is just to make it clean. They've given us the check already. I have it. If the board approves this, we will go ahead and deposit the check and move forward with this. One other thing so you know, we really aren't going to spend any money on this because sponsors pay for the lights every year. We get sponsorship money for those lights. If we need to replace them, we will replace them but it should be a very minimal cost to us.

Mr. Hickey: Is Santa's Cottage considered the shed?

Steve Pedro: Yes. The shed is used for Santa's Cottage. Yes. Lauren has already booked that about 3 or 4 of the days. The same sponsors usually come back every year, or have. I don't want to say it's easy, but it looks pretty promising.

Mr. Colly: Great

3. Mid-Ohio Race Management Oak Knoll Pavilion rental from 12:30 pm, Saturday, October 10, 2026 until 7:00 am, Sunday, October 11, 2026 (Attachment)

26-102 *Mr. Rivera moved; seconded by Mr. Colly to approve the Mid-Ohio Race Management Oak Knoll Pavilion rental from 12:30 pm, Saturday, October 10, 2026 until 7:00 am, Sunday, October 11, 2026 (Attachment). Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.*

Steve Pedro: As you can see in the attachment here, they are having a run starting in Akron coming through Massillon, back up through Massillon to Akron. The requested this yesterday. As you know, we sent two agendas out. I had to add this. They just want to use the pavilion as a stop for drinks, dehydration drinks, water, and things like, and also a first aid area. We did this at Community Park. It is a kind of more out of the way but there are few home owners down there that we will let know and have the police aware that this is happening. There should be no noise other than people going through the trail.

Paul Mutchler: Do you know how many people are going to be there?

Steve Pedro: He didn't say. I think he said up to 100 people throughout the evening. He wasn't sure though. He said the sign-ups are a little less than what they thought. They will use that back pavilion for a first aid area or hydration.

Mr. Colly: Any idea of why anybody would run 100 miles?

Steve Pedro: I have no idea. When he called me, I thought it was a bike race, but it's a run

Mr. Colly: That's a long way

Paul Mutchler: It sounded like when I read this and tried to get some bio on it, this might only be a one-shot deal, coming in here because it's going some-place else

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

26-102 *Mr. Schartiger moved to adjourn the September 23, 2026 Massillon Recreation Board meeting.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm. The next scheduled regular meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026** at 5:00 pm at the Massillon Recreation Center.

Transcribed By: *Carol Leonard, Office Manager*