

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 18, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, July 18, 2022. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wright, Gee, Dailey, Fritz, Council Representative Kovach.

Excused: Mayor Bring, Service Director Hastings.

Attending: Councilwoman Gee, citizen.

MINUTES: *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Kathy Huffman, 3751 East Lake Rd. says our property abuts to Lakewood Beach Park. We are curious if some signage can be put out there explaining the property adjacent is private property on both sides? Also, if a jetty could be put there to save the beach? We installed new jetties there about 4 years ago and that beach has lost so much sand and beach and now people gravitate to the beach in front of our property. We clean it every other day and remind people it is private. We have signs up letting them know as well and they are very visible. Not a day goes by that I don't have to say something to someone. We even had to call the police 2 weeks ago because a few people were so belligerent. Chairman Wright says if you already have very visible signs up and they still do it, I don't think more signs will help. Mrs. Huffman replies I thought maybe if there was something on the border, etc., we have dealt with this problem since we moved in and we can't put a gate or anything. Ideal would be a jetty separating everything. Chairman Wright replies any kind of erosion control, etc. by the city will take planning and time. Representative Kovach says I suggest approaching the mayor and service director because there is an outfall there. Mrs. Huffman responds ok, is there anything we can put in the park saying the park is public but everything around it is private? Chairman Wright replies anything is a possibility, but is it the right solution? Mrs. Huffman responds I don't know, but we have tried many different things for 6 years and nothing has worked. We put up cement buckets and we have put up trees which were both swept up by the water. Representative Kovach says unfortunately, the immediate solution is to call the police. Chairman Wright says we will discuss it.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Bring is excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Service Director Hastings is excused.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Done above.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Wright says last time we talked about looking at the city's master plan which is attached tonight. I was on the planning commission for 18 months and we sent out a survey and tallied the replies and wrote this master plan based off of those responses. The document labeled Appendix A has never been approved by the city. We should start by looking at what has been done. This document is 21 years old. Some of the items like a bike trail, rest areas, etc. have been accomplished. Picnic area is a question and I say that because even though they moved picnic tables and put them haphazardly in the parks, we didn't design a picnic area. When I picture Erie Shores Park, it's an awesome little place and I would love to see a curb drive, shelters overtop the bike racks, both the trees over the bike rack removed and the brick kiosk removed. I would love to see seating underneath where the pine tree is now and new picnic tables. There is a nice open space there that I have never seen utilized. Maybe a playground or art or a playground that looks like art, a community garden or an exercise station could go there. Those sorts of enhancements are what I am talking about. Member Dailey states I disagree with removing the trees, I say maybe limb them up and even them out, they are more natural. Chairman Wright responds this is the conversation I'm looking for. Member Dailey says I also think there should be water fountains at the parks. Member Gee agrees he would not want the trees removed. My question is if we had limitless money, what would we like to see, what do we want each park to look like? We need to come up with a plan to present. I think it would be best to continue to talk about Erie Shores Park at this time. Councilwoman Gee says for this to go into the master plan, it would have to go through the one the planning board is working on now for council. Chairman Wright says I don't think we need to worry about Shell Cove Park, it is one of the finer lakefront parks along the lake in our county, board agrees. At the Civic center, I know Mr. Hastings is working on a pier and that's incredible. The only change I would like to see is the replacement of tired playground equipment. Maybe looking at those 2 parks next month when we meet, Erie Shore and West Shore and move through this piece by piece. Is Erie Shores Park mapped out as some sort of waypoint with a cycling organization? Councilwoman Gee replies yes, it was part of a grant which is why the cycle equipment is there for repairing bicycles. I would like to find the organization that gave that grant and see if there are any more available. If I were to take my hand at writing a grant, could I do that and hand it over to Mr. Hastings and he signs off on it? Representative Kovach replies you would need to talk to Pat about that. Chairman Wright says I know a couple people who run tree services and I would love to approach them and ask if they would donate in kind service to limb those trees at Erie Shore Park to clean it up and make it nicer, but what is the trade off? Can they put a sign up at the park, something on the website thanking them, etc.? I think those opportunities are in our community and I would like to pursue them. Representative Kovach replies I would probably approach the law director on those to avoid any potential concerns.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey to adjourn at 7:39 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COMMITTEE AFFIRMATION: This meeting of the City Committee of the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio was held and conducted under all Rules and Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio as they may apply. All meetings are recorded and available in Council's Offices.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Brandy Randolph

CHAIRMAN

Jonathan Wright

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Committee Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is A true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Park Board of July 18, 2022.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso