

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, April 17, 2023. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Wright, Gee, Fritz, Mayor Bring, Service Director Hastings, Council Representative Kovach.

Excused: Dailey.

Attending: None.

MINUTES: *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the March 20 ,2023 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT: See below.

SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Service Director Hastings reports we are starting mowing and were able to get a little mulching done. We intend to do substantial mulching on May 20th which is Pride Day this year. We installed the new sign at the boat launch made by the woodworking company, and it is fantastic. I have the sand scheduled to be dredged and they are late, so I will reach out to them tomorrow. I am going to submit for the splashpad grant at the end of May. We were awarded the grant from the Lorain County Board of Health for the pavement of the storybook trail. The community center has been hosting a series of meetings trying to get input from the community. We have another one scheduled for the 26th of April. Of significance to this board is the interest in community gardens. I hope to get a volunteer list going and schedule availability for the group to meet at the community center. Part of the discussion about Erie Shore Park was the clearing of the ditch line. We actually found a beautiful bridge and stonework there. Between \$5-6,000 is the cost to clearcut everything. Mayor Bring says we had a young lady named Haley Yackshaw who is a girl scout come and she wants to do a garden off of Rosewood at the end of the walking trail. We are going to clear a spot for her to plant trees, butterfly bushes, etc. That will probably be cleared in the next month for her. I got an email last night about the beach behind the library and all the dead fish. He said apparently you don't want to take care of your crown jewel this year either. It irritates me because we put a lot of effort into redoing the boat launch last year and cleaned it all up. Huntington beach has them, Lorain has them, we are going to have it dredged and addressed. Chairman Wright asks how long have the dead shad been on the beach? Mayor Bring replies they come and go. You can clean it and the next day the waves bring more in. Chairman Wright asks regarding the community gardens, what was your thought on beginning to compile the volunteer

list and how can we help? Service Director Hastings responds we are going to wait until the next meeting. Some of the folks who are interested have been on social media and inviting their friends. I'm going to have a series of sign-up sheets is one way. This will be at the community center.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Wright says with Erie Shores Park, Service Director Hastings, Mr. Gillespie and myself met to mark out where we thought some of the flower beds would go according to the design. Mr. Hastings already mentioned clearing out that brush which will create a huge impact on the park and give ready access to the creek and water. I have yet to connect with Mr. Kudrin about how many plants he thinks it will require to fill and plant there. Then it would be onto compiling a list of potential vendors/donors around here and start seeking donations. If anyone here has someone they know that could donate any of the items, please let me know. Mayor Bring states we have a gentleman who has some very big boulders he would like to donate to us.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Wright says we had received an email about the rocks at the dog park cutting up the dog's feet. People were asking for a different surfacing type. I have only heard this complaint this one time, but other people started chiming in. Mayor Bring says I have not heard anything. Service Director Hastings states it's a #8 washed stone that is consistent with Avon Lake as well as much of the research I did. Grass is a very poor choice. Chairman Wright says people mentioned pea gravel, which I don't see how that would be any safer. Mayor Bring says there are rounded rocks, but they are very expensive and slippery. Chairman Wright states the only thing I can think of, and I don't know how good of a substitute it is, would be something like playground mulch, but if a dog defecates or pees in it, how good is that? Service Director Hastings says we put a complete drainage system in it, a subgrade aggregate and then the #8 limestone. I didn't just choose it, I researched it. Member Fritz says it has been mentioned to me and how they didn't think the surface was ideal, but no one ever mentioned any dogs being hurt, etc. Mayor Bring says maybe we can take the roller over and crunch it down and that may help. Member Gee asks does anyone know what type of surface they have at Weiss Field dog park? Service Director Hastings replies I believe #8 limestone, I went there before I built this. I could price out a rounded stone of that size. Over time we would have to rejuvenate the material, so we could start working it in. Chairman Wright says it seems to me that if #8 limestone is pretty standard choice for a dog park, we should probably just stick with it. Service Director Hastings says I personally travel all over the state to parks and that's what I see. Chairman Wright states Mrs. Gee sent an email talking about how no parking signs went up and now there are no close enough parking spots at the boat launch for the seniors and asked if we could consider a request to paint some handicap parking so they can get a little closer to the water. Service

Director Hastings replies the no parking was stenciled on the boat tie down lane, so that is designed that through traffic could stay to the right and to the left where cars were parking is designed for you to get your boat ready. The problem is that people not only went there, they left their car and walked away and bottlenecked all those boats. There are parking places that are 16ft. away from where they were sitting that they can use, but we cannot designate that as parking or it will interfere with the flow of boat launch.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:22 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 April 17, 2023

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso