

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
May 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, May 15, 2023. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Gee, Dailey.

Attending: None.

MINUTES: *Motion by Fritz/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the April 17 ,2023 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT: See below.

SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Service Director Hastings reports Memorial Park will be prepared for Memorial Day festivities. The city has been mulching in some of the parks and at the community center. We have prepped the beds for the boat launch which I hope to do on Pride Day. I don't have the volunteer base that I typically do. Hopefully, we will have some community members. We had a mower marked down for the better part of a year where we were waiting for an engine. We just received it. I met with Chairman Wright and Mr. Gillespie at Erie Shore Park, and we were able to visualize and put some paint on the ground consistent with the drawings. While there we reviewed the ditch. It is a major outfall for Sheffield Lake, and I personally was surprised to see beautiful stonework on a bridge on the north side of it. Because of the improvements we plan to do and the fact the city hasn't cleaned the ditch in 50 years+, we went ahead and clearcut all that land. We were met with opposition from the residents in the immediate area and tonight in your package is one of the emails. They are complaining about their privacy. It certainly isn't a requirement of the city. What is a requirement is the maintenance of that ditch and the plans already in place for the beautification of that park. The sand has been dredged. We ordered about 1,700 yards removed and it is still sitting there. I did tell the company it needs removed by midweek. The fire dept. was able to construct the cage for the jet skis and I have signs coming for that. The restrooms, I was requested by the car show to have those open. I attempted to reenergize the system that times the closing and opening of that, but it doesn't work. I hope to have the company out by the end of the week. Ferndale Park has a lot of activity with baseball. They requested the city provide a portable bathroom and I am going to talk with the mayor about that. Unfortunately, the storybook trail has seen a lot of vandalism. They are destroying the plastic face covers. I was phoned by the

library about their disappointment on how often they are replacing them and didn't realize we have also been replacing them. The police dept. did say they have it under a criminal investigation. I was awarded the grant to pave the remainder of that trail and that could happen as soon as this week. Mayor Bring says we talked about doing the community garden and I did get ahold of Avon Lake and their contract on how they handle it, and I had the law director look at it and he said he has no problems with it. I will have it written up and try to move forward on it and have another group meeting. Member Fritz asks when is Pride Day? Service Director Hastings replies this Saturday 8am-2pm. Chairman Wright says I have some ideas of ways to get volunteers to show up and I am wondering if it is ok if minors show up? My thought is to try and recruit some of the soccer players. Service Director Hastings replies absolutely, we have young children as long as there is supervision.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Wright says the service director mentioned we met up at Erie Shores Park and mapped out areas we thought the beds would look great. Since that time, we have also put together a solicitation letter to bring to different companies asking for donations. I have only approached Kurtz Brothers so far and am waiting for their reply. Also, Mr. Kudrin was able to get me a plant list on Friday.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Wright says there is a guy who lives in the village named Miguel Villegas and he is trying to start Sheffield soccer again. He has attempted one training day already and it was poorly attended. He is trying again Saturday and I am doing what I can to try and help him. If we can think of ways to support him, that would be great. I know we have talked about a recreation director and Mayor Bring you said you would have a better idea on that around June/July, has anything developed yet? Mayor Bring replies no.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Fritz to adjourn at 7:16 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 May 15, 2023

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso