

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, February 20, 2023. 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: None.

MINUTES: *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2023 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Bring is excused.

SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Service Director Hastings is excused.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Wright states I met with Mark Kudrin at Erie Shores and talked about what the board had talked about and our vision for redevelopment of that park. He drew a design for us and much is derived from the sketch that Dawn had done and brought in. Chairman Wright hands out the drawing and a lengthy discussion using the sketch was had with the following key highlights. Chairman Wright states what Mark has done is he has identified a number of plant species to put in these places that are low maintenance, cover a lot of ground and soak up water. Chairman Wright says one thing I noticed while at the park was a good number of large piles of dog feces at the south end of the park, so I think one of the neighbors lets their dog go wherever. Hopefully a fence would deter that. The three existing trees there do create a lot of shade. One other thing of note is the kiosk there that is built of brick and mortar, is not in this drawing. I believe it is an eyesore as it sits now and I think if we redo this park, it would be out of place. I love the idea of the little free library, sidewalk chalk, etc. To me, it feels like we have two parks in one. We have a bicycle way station at the south end and Route 6 is part of the Buckeye Trail and is heavily used. I would love to see a drinking fountain and a bench for the bicyclist to sit. Then we have this beautiful, quiet, passive, recreational place we are trying to create north of that. My thought with the panel fence would be to separate those two. Member Fritz says I think it is a beautiful place and idea for the public. Member Dailey says the pavilion seating is

the only thing I am concerned with because it is so close to the fence. I would like to see it on the east side of the park instead of by the road and fence. Chairman Wright replies I would like to see multiple seating areas. Member Gee says I would like to see more benches in shady spots. Chairman Wright asks does it matter to the board if we try to push for a more uniform look to benches throughout the entire park system? Member Gee responds I would like to see all the parks have benches. Chairman Wright says I met with a man in Madison, Ohio where Mr. Hastings has been sourcing his plants and I talked to him about some of the plants for the park and pricing. Representative Kovach says this is a very good basic design to start. This will be an ongoing project. Member Gee asks can we consider a fruit tree? Chairman Wright replies sure, but we would need to weigh the pros and cons, but I am open to anything. Member Dailey asks is the whole path 6ft. wide or just the opening? Chairman Wright replies in my opinion, it should all be 6ft. wide. That accounts for 2-way traffic, including wheelchairs. In addition, I would love to see bathrooms added onto the concession stand at Guenther Park and more stuff at Memorial Park. Member Gee replies I would love to have a gazebo there.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:28 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 February 20, 2023

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso