

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, September 18, 2023. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: None.

Attending: Citizens

MINUTES: *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT: See below.

SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Service Director Hastings states as noted in the meeting minutes prior with the dog park, we have seen improvement on the animals being cleaned up after. It was suggested the idea of a sign going up where it's required that anybody utilizing the park, to be in the park with their dog. People are putting their dogs in the caged area and going back to their cars. At Ferndale Park we upgraded the cameras. Almost immediately, the police dept. was able to identify and charge a juvenile with damage to the storybook trail. We also authorized some upgrades to the boat launch cameras. We had a complaint filed over the jet ski and safety response and as a result, a closer look at the park was had by USACE. They called out some design question on what they see built today versus what was approved. I believe they are looking at an older drawing of the proposal, and not the approved and final. Chairman Wright asks what was the complaint? Service Director Hastings replies there was an anonymous complaint that the cage for the jet skis was built without permit and dangerous. We sent photos, etc. Representative Kovach says also to be noted, they said during the storm our firefighters were locked in the cage. Service Director Hastings says that was also false. Mayor Bring says they embellished on many things that were not true. Representative Kovach says just a note, in the original construction, neither of you were in the positions you are now. John Piskura was the mayor and Bill Gardner was the service director. Service Director Hastings explains the original design, flaws, fixes, etc. Also at the boat launch, I am trying to have the door replaced and change the swing on the men's bathroom. That is kind of in conjunction with the civic center door that I am working on. Shell Cove Park had some concerns noted on the handicap entrance and ramp, so that was relocated. At Erie Shore Park we did start bringing in the soil. Our goal this year is to shape some beds, get the stones in place and if they

have time, maybe get some fall planting for small ornamental trees. At the community center, we replaced a water line. Finally, there is another opportunity for a coastal management planning grant and I am going to attend a seminar. Chairman Wright asks you talked about signs at the dog park, do you want to discuss here? Service Director Hastings replies yeah, I didn't want to arbitrarily order them. I wanted opinions on the idea. Chairman Wright says I agree with you that signs are gaudy and they don't look nice and take away from the natural beauty of the park. But in addition to telling people what they clearly should already know, they are a good way to protect the city from liability. Mayor Bring says we have a very large sign at the boat launch that people don't pay attention to. If we put some kind of a sign here, I would request we put a very small one. Representative Kovach says we could put one right on the gate. Mayor Bring says I would like to thank the homeowner who took it upon themselves to clean up the feces at the park. Unfortunately, other people have to pick up other people's debris. Member Fritz states I agree with the sign, those things aren't unreasonable to expect. Service Director Hastings replies I'll get some up. Chairman Wright says we talked about handicap parking at the boat launch and I wonder has that ever been addressed? Service Director Hastings responds it has not. I would like to go down there with you. Most of them are for a trailer and you are talking about a visitor without a trailer, correct? Chairman Wright replies yeah. I think the original complaint was there are people who had disabilities that wanted to park and watch the sunset, but there was no handicap parking available for them. I think there is a large handicap spot there and the idea was to switch it with the spot directly north of it. We will set a time to meet up there. When it comes to what we are doing at Erie Shores, could we use pride day next year to put in a lot of the smaller plant base? Service Director Hastings replies absolutely. Chairman Wright asks with the recreation director, have we had conversations about that? Mayor Bring responds we did; we are going to wait until after the election to go forward with it.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: George Wenner, 631 Treadway Blvd says I'm near Gary Green Park. You guys redid the park and it looks nice. The only thing that I noticed is there is a handicap issue. When Park Pals built it, we made it that somebody who has a mobility issue could get through. It looks now as if the edging around it is about a foot and a quarter and there is no way somebody in a wheelchair or with mobility issues will make it in there. Chairman Wright asks is there an ADA ramp going into that playground? Service Director Hastings replies there is not. When I called the representative because we thought it was standard, it turned out that it was an option. It is about \$750, but I'll move on that. Chairman Wright says a less expensive way to accommodate this is to take the pin out of one border, open up some borders and then taper the engineered wood fibers down so you just have an opening. The ADA ramp is better, but that is an immediate solution that costs nothing. I may even have some of those pins or can get one

pretty easily. Service Director Hastings says that's fantastic and we can do that right away. I will order the ramp, but everything takes time.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Wright says I would like to welcome member Keely to his first meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:21 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 September 18, 2023

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso