

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, October 16, 2023. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Excused: Gee.

Attending: None.

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Fritz/Second by Keely to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2023 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**MAYOR REPORT:** See below.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

Service Director Hastings reports I have been in contact with Firelands Electric, who is repairing the lights in and around the boat launch for the fall brawl. I got a quote on the replacement of the door at the community center. At the boat launch, we will remove the docks for the fall brawl. The fire dept. has contacted me and wants assistance removing the fence enclosure that protects their jet skis. I ordered the signs for the dog park and will install those. We continue to pursue the connectivity trail. That is an 8ft. wide trail connecting the Lincoln Trail, the Brookside Trail and all of Lake Rd. It is linked with the other communities. I read that the metro parks are petitioning for portions of that. While it's slow, the plan is coming together. We have about 2 million dollars in grants funded for that and I have another grant application in to them. We have made small efforts towards Erie Shore Park. Our goal there was to get the beds shaped and mulched. We have the soil and stone in place. The parks typically employ three people, one of those openings is available. It is currently filled with a part timer who won't be here much longer. Park workers are utility and we cross train them. On the utility vehicle we use, it has a water tank, a small plow, etc. and it is showing its age. I will start researching a replacement for that. Member Keely asks would that be a total replacement or would we keep the old one and add a new one? Service Director Hastings replies I think we would sell/trade in the other one. I am looking at a different style where they have a greater capacity for what we've come to use this vehicle for. It was designed to be multi-department, but I think the city's best investment would be on a vehicle that would better suit the construction needs of the city. Chairman Wright says the cages for the jet skis, I think those should be brought in for the winter. Mayor Bring states we always intended to take it down, dismantle it. Representative Kovach asks is there enough room in the Warwick

building for those? Service Director Hastings responds the Warwick building was converted some time ago for use by the water dept. Chairman Wright asks what about the building on the corner of Sunset and Lake? Service Director Hastings replies yeah, there would be room there probably, good call. That is also used by the parks. Chairman Wright asks the \$2 million for the connectivity plan, what's the plans for that, more trails? Service Director Hastings responds yeah, 8ft. concrete, multipurpose trails. The next round will go from the covered bridge to the community center and have the rrb's. Service Director Hastings describes the sections of trails that will be done and what will be done on them. Short discussion is had about moving forward, complaints, etc. Member Keely asks the metro park between Harris Rd. and Idlewood, it's just a dirt path along the ditch, does the metro parks have anything planned for that? Service Director Hastings replies currently, the city has engineering being done to do some work for the Forest Lawn ditch which is just north of that trail. We have been in contact with Jim Ziemnik and we asked for permission to access that trail and in doing so, we would help restore that trail to gravel. As a result, in the meantime, he isn't doing a whole lot knowing we are coming in with heavy equipment. The idea of any improvements to that is challenging for the metro parks because that is some of the most lush wetlands that you could categorize. There is very little opportunity for development. Chairman Wright says I spoke with him about a year and a half ago and they were talking about maybe starting to design whatever they wanted to do there in 2025. Do you think they will out to us as a community to ask about potential recreation ideas? There is that portion that is elevated and a little dry by the railroad tracks. Service Director Hastings replies that is Sheffield Village. We had plans for a retention pond there, but in doing so we would have had to run pipe down Idlewood and that's not our property. Short discussion about the metro parks, wetlands description and trails/walkways. Chairman Wright asks the position in the parks dept., are you hiring from within for it? Service Director Hastings replies it will undoubtedly be open to the public. Service Director Hastings describes positions and pay. Member Keely asks does the city offer to pay for the employees CDL? Service Director Hastings responds they have a reimbursement program.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Keely/Second by Fritz to adjourn at 7:25 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.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Brandy Randolph*

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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 October 16, 2023

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*