

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
November 18, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, November 18, 2024. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Excused: Keely, Barker, Rec Director Kantouros.

Attending: None.

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Fritz to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2024 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Radeff reports I will go over the Rec Director's report. We did our conference with the QR codes and we thought we only gave them ten, but apparently, we are getting twenty. It was buy one get one he said. Ten will have a small little plaque with a little description/story and then there will be ten that are just the squares. A couple things we could do is we could double them up or do twenty different spots. We welcome ideas. Some thoughts were to do one specific one that brings up a map of the paths, one that brings up a map of the parks, one would be at the BHS and have a list of who has a brick there. We talked about doing one for the Dunkle and one for OVI. We paid up front for the service, \$2000. So, if we don't renew next year all our stuff is good for at least ten years. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the movie event and it's going to be Jim Carrey's The Grinch playing. December 7<sup>th</sup> is the tree lighting event and Christmas party. Also, he did reach out to the superintendent/athletic director about gym space for the basketball program, but has not heard back yet. The last thing is the soccer program for the spring is already underway. We didn't get the money from Ford for the lights at the community center, but we did have some money left over in a budget line so we did purchase about \$2,000 worth of lights.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Service Director Hastings reports currently we are doing some trimming back on trails and assisting with leaf pickup. I did want to keep the board up to date on our efforts for the field house project. We reached out to a number of companies so that we could the best and lowest bidder for the design of the building itself. The goal of that is once we have that architectural design, we can pursue PACE funding. I'm going to be meeting with the mayor hopefully this week to firm that up. Mayor Radeff says when we discussed the coastal management grant, it's a two-step process. One is the initial application and then they invite so many to

apply. We made it through the first stage and now are doing a more in-depth application.

**PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:** Excused.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Wright says we talked about replacements ideas for the dinosaur slide. Has the administration taken any steps/considerations about what you would like to do there? Service Director Hastings replies I personally haven't yet. Chairman Wright says my thought was it's just that one simple slide and it's probably the only piece of equipment for little kids that is up there. I saw more high school kids hanging out on that slide doing things that would probably terrify little kids. We have a lot of ideas for Freedom Park, but maybe not replacing it with anything for the time being might be a better idea. Mayor Radeff and Member Fritz agree. Chairman Wright says on Guenther Park, Rec Director Kantouros and I met with a couple who live in town and they are very involved in soccer and they want to help get the soccer league going again. They have committed to running the training part of the program. We got the list of registrants, which were only ten that participated in the fall program. I intend to call them and see if any of those parents are willing to volunteer or hold a board position. Mayor Radeff says we work with Encompass and I did talk to her about starting to approach looking for sponsorships as well, maybe banners, etc. Short discussion about where to possibly place banners. Chairman Wright says we talked about dreaming about getting rid of that shed. That shed is in very bad shape. Being able to add onto the concession stand and being able to create a shed space where we can move the equipment from into a block structure, maybe some bathrooms, etc. We do need to find some way to get into that shed. That's city property, right? Service Director Hastings replies yes. Chairman Wright says the person who installed the lock on there was Member Keely and I don't know if they have any keys. We gotta find some way to access there. I want to inventory what is in there. West Shore Park we talked about what do we wanna do at this park. We decided playgrounds is where we wanted to go. We talked about doing something that wasn't the same old posted platform style of playground, but something that might use ropes and have more of a free form style of play. I reached out to Midstates Recreation because I knew they had certain types of playground equipment that sort of fit the idea of what we discussed. They sent me three designs with different styles of playground equipment. I wanted to have the board and administration take a look and decide what style of equipment everyone would like to see. How do you think we would approach it with trying to procure the equipment? Would this be something that would go to public bid or would we keep it below that threshold? All the designs with installation included were over six figures. There is the ability to do a community build which I thought would be a fantastic project for community days. That's where the company provides us with a list of tools we are supposed to bring, the exact amount of equipment, concrete, etc. and they send out a couple of supervisors and we bring out our volunteer crew and we build it. Isn't that the way you did the playground at Gary Green or did you

just raise the money for it? Council Representative Kovach replies no, an outside group raised the money and it was put together pretty much by volunteers or was that the landscaping and that? Service Director Hastings replies I think that was volunteers, but the actual construction of the equipment was the company. Chairman Wright says I know if we pursued a community build, it would probably save close to \$50,000. They are between \$100-150,000 including full installation. For a community days project like that, they would come out a couple days prior and dig all the holes, layout the playground and make sure it's all set. The crews come out early on a Saturday and we start unpacking and putting stuff together. We will take a better look at it next month.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Fritz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 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 November 18, 2024

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
*Rick Rosso*