

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, October 21, 2024. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Wright, Fritz, Barker, Mayor Radeff, Service Director Hastings, Council Representative Kovach, Rec Director Kantouros.

Excused: Fritz, Keely.

Attending: Councilwoman Gee

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Barker to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Radeff has no report.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORS:**

Service Director Hastings reports at Ferndale Park we have had a dinosaur slide there for about 25 years and that has failed and had to be removed today. That spot is open and available for creative thought. I did contract out with Demex to move sand in our trap at the boat launch. We will relocate the sand to the other side of the boat launch and hopefully improve our beach area there. The community gardens seem to be wrapping up and we've noticed that some people are cleaning those spots. I don't know if that is part of their responsibility. We will look into that and what would be involved if we need to do that. I was working with Chairman Wright on my legacy which is a QR code where we can advertise events and so forth. The city has successfully contracted all of that and is ready for a kickoff meeting. That would need some direction and I'm assuming Zack might take the lead on that. Chairman Wright asks what kind of participation did we get with the community gardens? How many plots did we end up leasing? Service Director Hastings replies all of Gary Green was full and a handful of at Freedom Park. Chairman Wright says please remind me how many plaques we ordered. Service Director Hastings replies I thought it was ten. Chairman Wright asks what did we want to do with those? We talked about one being a recreation event calendar, one being used for a calendar for community center events and one being just a general information thing about the city. Did we want to do those in multiple sites? Service Director Hastings replies if you are going to advertise recreational events, it would behoove us to have them in several locations. Some other thoughts are upcoming events citywide, etc. Chairman Wright says my thoughts were three of those plaques would be duplicated which would take six. Three would be posted

here, three at the community center and that leaves us with four. We will push that to next meeting.

**PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:** Rec Director Kantouros reports on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> we held our Fall Fest/Halloween party/ movie night. We had a really good turnout of 100-150 people. We would like to make that an annual event. Now our focus has shifted to planning a Christmas type event to coincide with our December movie night. We are looking at December 7<sup>th</sup> for that date and looking to collaborate potentially with the library and Community Civic Council. I have a basketball meeting with the athletic director coming up next week to talk about planning some type of January youth basketball league. Soccer has wrapped up. We collaborated and contracted out that youth league to North FC. For the first time doing it, I thought it went relatively well.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Wright says I would like to add a bulletin point under Ferndale Park for replacement of the dino slide and under West Shore Park for playground replacement. I hoped to have some images/designs rendered for today, I have some of the information from the playground company, not all of it. It should be prepared and ready for next month's meeting. Service Director Hastings says on the connectivity trail, we have an application out with another arm of ODOT for emission reduction. That will hopefully be looked on favorably and if so, it will be sent to city council for their blessing on moving forward. As far as the bocce ball, I was able to put together the quotes and emailed that to Rosa Gee as well as Steve Kovach and am waiting on direction. Mayor Radeff says the \$600,000 we received from Nathan Manning is coming pretty quick and we are submitting legislation on Tuesday to accept that money. We did submit our grant for water bottle fillers and if we are able to get that, our priorities are one here, one at the community center and one at the boat launch. Additionally, Ford reached out to us and said they had some money they had to give away before the end of the year and asked if there was anything we could use it for. Our idea we submitted was to get lights so we can really light up the community center. We asked for \$5-10,000. We did submit our coastal management pre application that was for the corridor study. We want to do a master plan for the lake and this would allow us to obtain a good portion of what it would cost.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** *Rosa Gee, 272 Gayle Dr.* says the bocce ball group after seeing the price that Mr. Hastings sent them, they approved the price. They also requested that since all of them live in Ward 4, they would rather move the bocce ball court to Veteran's Park. I brought that to Mr. Hastings and Steve. If this gets approved and goes through at Veteran's Park, Romolo and Kathy DeBottis were going to put a park bench in. My husband and I talked about donating a bench and that's where we will put ours also. All we need to do is find out if it can be put in in the dry part of Veteran's Park and then drop the legislation to approve the sum of money. Chairman Wright says if we can put it there, I think

it's a better option. Representative Kovach agrees. Mayor Radeff says I'm ok wherever they want to put it. I see the one they have on Lake Rd. and I see the one they are looking to build. Why is it that ours would be like that, but when you go to Lorain at Lakeview Park it's just specialized grass and not dug in? Mrs. Gee replies that's higher to maintain and plays differently.

\*Motion by Barker/Second by Kovach to change the location from West Shore to Veteran's Memorial Park. Yeas All.

Mrs. Gee asks how do we go about donating the benches? Service Director Hastings replies if the value exceeds \$500, you have to have it drafted by our law director.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,

\*Motion by Barker/Second by Kovach to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 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 21, 2024

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*