Shorewood Park Sanitary District **approved**
Board Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Attendees: Rich Storck (Board Member), Dean Findell (Treasurer), Sue Means (Board Member), Al Powers (Board Member), Matthew Anderson (Board Member), Tina Heidelberger (Clerk), and Joe Heidelberger.

R. Storck called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Roll call read.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve minutes for August meeting made by A. Powers, seconded by S. Means. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board Update:

- R. Storck reported that the sanitary sewer system is aged and requires maintenance. Data supplied to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) shows high inflow and infiltration (I/I), indicating that the system is not fully sealed and that groundwater and rainwater may be entering through cracked or broken pipes, main drains, and possible sump pump connections.
- SPSD's goal over the next five years is to tighten the system, reduce I/I levels, lower sewage treatment costs, and reduce the possibility of needing to add another treatment pond. The MPCA has provided a five-year permit cycle beginning in 2026 for the district to address these items.
- The district will enter a partnership with HR Green based on the proposal previously reviewed and approved. The proposal, contract, and question-and-answer sheet from HR Green will be posted on the district website for residents to review.
- Initial meetings with HR Green have been scheduled for September 10, 2026, at approximately 1:30 p.m. at the pump house. HR Green will begin gathering available documents, drawings, and engineering records and will tour the Shorewood Park facilities. Board members and volunteers may assist where possible to help control costs.
- The estimated budget for the HR Green program is approximately $130,000, or roughly $1,300 per household over five years. Budget planning will continue during upcoming meetings, expected in October and November. The district will also look into available grants to help reduce costs.
- R. Storck reported receiving questions from individuals interested in purchasing property, including questions about the monthly $100 fee and special assessments. It was noted that this year would be the final year for certain special assessments.
- The SPSD QR code is active and will be posted at the pump station and potentially included on future invoices. The QR code links residents to the district website, where meeting minutes and other information are posted.

Wastewater Operator Update:

- The wastewater operator reported total monthly flow of 304,500 gallons, with an average of 9,823 gallons per day. The high flow was 13,710 gallons on the 8th. No major rainstorms occurred during the month, and no testing issues were reported. Fall discharge and transfer work is expected around October.

Financial Report:

- Current checking account balance: $108,952 (as of 9/1/26)
- Investment Balance: $233,679.57 (as of 7/31/26)

Approval of Bills:

- ECE-$188.56
- LJJ Wastewater-$1,700
- Rasmussen-$1542.76 (August) and $1,362.16 (July)

Motion made by A. Powers, seconded by D. Findell. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Expansion-D. Findell shared that the district remains in a waiting period regarding expansion funding. The State of Minnesota is still working through the bonding requirements needed to disperse funds. More information may be available by the October meeting. The district discussed the relationship between state funding and the EPA grant. A key unresolved question is whether state funds can be used for pre-construction work, such as updating plans, engineering, legal work, and facility planning. Until that question is answered, the EPA grant process remains on hold.
- Tree Removal-A. Powers is meeting with a vendor tomorrow to get another bid on removing trees from the park that are at risk of falling. We will review the bids at the next meeting.
- National Night Out-S. Means shared that we had a very successful night out this year. The sheriff's department put on a K9 presentation, LJJ provided the bounce house, and desserts were provided by several ladies in our neighborhood-all which helped to keep us under budget! Thank you to Sue for her hard work organizing this event!

New Business:

- Legal Counsel-R. Storck shared that contacted Kevin Hofsted, who had previously assisted the district with expansion-related legal matters. Mr. Hofsted has retired as of May 31 and is unable to continue assisting the district. He may provide a recommendation for another attorney. The district will need to identify new legal counsel for special legal matters and expansion-related issues.
- Wasp Nest Removal-M. Anderson requested approval from the district to remove a wasp nest in the park across from his home in a tree trunk. He has obtained consent from his neighbor as well. M. Anderson made a motion to allow any resident to remove wasp nests within the park as needed to approve, S. Means seconded. Motion passed.

Motion made by A. Powers, seconded by D. Findell to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm

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Submitted by T. Heidelberger, Secretary/Clerk

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Richard Storck, Chairman of the Board

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Matthew Anderson, Vice Chairman

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Dean Findell, Treasurer

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Al Powers, Board Member

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Sue Means, Board Member