

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
Nov. 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, Nov. 15, 2021. Acting Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Wright, Gee, Dailey, Mayor Bring, Superintendent Hastings, Council Representative Kovach.

Excused: None.

Attending: Councilwoman Gee.

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Wright/Second by Dailey to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRPERSON:** \*Motion by Dailey/Second by Kovach to appoint Jonathan Wright as new chairperson. Yeas All.

\*Motion by Gee to appoint Dailey as new chairperson.

**MAYOR REPORT/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Mayor Bring has no report.

**SUPERINTENDENT – PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**Memorial Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports the new playground was installed. The Morning Journal actually called and interviewed me at the park on all of our progresses throughout our park system.

**Freedom Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports maintenance. I would like to explore resurfacing the basketball court next season.

**Ferndale Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports we continue to work on the storybook trail. I have renderings and cost estimates to add a bowl. I have not seen the group that approached park board for the addition, but the city went ahead with a consultation. We got a cost estimate of about \$130,000.

**Gary Green Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports this has been vandalized heavily over the past 4-6 weeks. They are breaking 4x4 and 4x6ft. posts. Some of the boards that have steering wheels and things for the youngsters have been destroyed. I have a repair order into the manufacturer and have now received more damages and will have to change it. The mayor would like to pursue cameras over there. If the weather is favorable, I would like to start getting some preliminary work done on that.

**Guenther Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports maintenance.

**Erie Shore Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports maintenance.

**Boat Launch:** Superintendent Hastings has no report.

**Shell Cove Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports we continue to wait for an ODNR permanent shore structure permit for the Armor Stone we placed there. The

city assisted the Memorial Park/Brookside Alumni installing and unloading a new bench and small addition to one of the flower beds.

**West Shore Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports also known as the community center; the city has earmarked Dec. 11 for an annual Christmas party put on by two residents. This year they would like to incorporate a parade going from Community Rd. between Speedway and Shoreway and making its' way down to the Community Center. We have tentatively agreed.

**Lakewood Beach Park:** Superintendent Hastings has no report.

**Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge:** Superintendent Hastings reports the city did some substantial restoration to erosion just south of the bridge. We brought in some sandstone and big blocks and built a wall. We just need to restore the fence there and that project will be done.

**Lincoln Nature Trail:** Superintendent Hastings reports this is scheduled to start this month. We have 4,000ft. of storm sewer pipe that has been ordered. My goal is to have it cleared, aggregate in and storm sewer in with paving in spring.

**Pier behind Community Center:** Superintendent Hastings reports I did write a pre-application grant to Coastal Management and did get approved for some of the design and cooperative work between USACE and ODNR. That will be completed and turned in for review mid-December. The city purchased a trash compactor/hopper. It has helped the guys a lot and has been a nice addition.

Member Kovach asks on the camera for Gary Green, are we going to try to get a 360 degree one like the one at the shopping center? Superintendent Hastings replies yeah, we have that at Shell Cove Park, Ferndale Park and the boat launch. Mayor Bring says I have instructed the police dept. to start patrolling and getting these guys caught. Member Kovach asks is that the only park getting hit like that? Superintendent Hastings replies yeah. Speaking of vandalism, the gentleman who vandalized the boat launch bathrooms, was caught, confessed and paid restitution. We have contracted out the work on the items he damaged, and it is coming in at about \$3,000. The cameras are highly beneficial. The problem at Gary Green is the only power pole we can actually use to power up the proposed system is all the way down by the parking lot. I will have to run some substantial trenching and pipe. Mayor Bring says I have a meeting tomorrow with a gentleman who does cameras. Chairman Wright asks who is the manufacturer of the equipment at Gary Green? Superintendent Hastings responds Playmark Playgrounds Inc. Member Kovach asks you plan on resurfacing the basketball court at Freedom Park? Superintendent Hastings replies yeah, I would look at both Gary Green and Freedom, but I would go after Freedom first. Member Kovach asks is there enough room on that court to also lay out a tennis/pickleball court? Superintendent Hastings replies the area is large enough, but I would have to research. You are proposing the resurfacing of the basketball court and then a second small pickleball court in the same area? Member Kovach replies no, a multi-use. Chairman Wright asks in the minutes from July, the Lincoln Nature Trail says it needs to be completed by the end of the year for funding, was that just the bid process? Superintendent Hastings replies no, it does technically need to be completed by the

end of the year, so the city will have to petition for an extension which potentially carries penalty. Chairman Wright asks you also mentioned Marcy Kaptur was going after \$4 million in grant money, is there any update? Superintendent Hastings responds I have not heard anymore on that. The lakefront connectivity, I just wrote a grant for the pedestrian improvements in and around Erie Shore Park and State Route 301 and State Route 6. It would upgrade all the traffic signals, put in 10ft. sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Wright says I handed out the 2021 budget for the parks to you all. I have never heard a discussion about it. I have heard plenty of times that well, we have no money. I asked Superintendent Hastings to provide me this YTD. I thought it would benefit us to know. Most of what is highlighted is encumbered for staff and can't really be touched. Chairman Wright goes over the different line items. I ask the members to keep an eye out on their local parks and if you see any deferred maintenance to bring it up here. I would like to see at Guenther Park on the concession stand, I believe there is T1-11 siding that is in really bad shape and I'm aware there is a carpenter on staff, it would be great if we could somebody out there to do something before next spring season. I would also love to see the recreation director that has \$0, what are the chances of having that line item funded in 2022? Mayor Bring states I have mentioned that to Mrs. Smith and will talk to her more about it. Chairman Wright asks is there anything I could do to help with fulfilling that position? Mayor Bring replies first off, we have to figure out a dollar amount, because we are going off old numbers. Chairman Wright asks what is the Windsor Estate line item? Superintendent Hastings replies that was the estate of a woman who left about \$140,000 to the city and we used that as matching funds against grants. So, the projects that we yielded from the \$140,000 probably approached \$700,000. Chairman Wright states outside of the line items for the Lincoln Trail and Windsor Estate, there is a total budget of \$423,225 for the year which sounds like a lot, but it's really not. As far as the other line items like maintenance for the parks, buildings and equipment, as of the end of August there was only a little over \$46,000 unencumbered. We still rely on grant money for new playgrounds/construction. There is money out there to work on/fix on the equipment we have out there, so as we move through our town and notice things, there is money there to fix them. Superintendent Hastings states with the recreational director, I think it would be beneficial if the board gave some idea of what they wanted to see. It would help if we knew what your expectation of a recreation director was.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Dailey/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:30 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 15, 2021.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*