

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
August 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, August 19, 2019. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Kovach, Lewis, Superintendent Hastings, Mayor Bring
Absent: Albaugh (excused), Dailey(excused) Gee (excused) Law Director
Graves (excused)
Attending: Councilwoman Gee
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Lewis to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: None.

SUPERINTENDENT – PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Superintendent Hastings advised under items below.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skate areas: Superintendent Hastings reported we poured the other pad at Ferndale Park. We had scheduled it for earlier, but it rained. The equipment is ordered and is being built now. Councilman Radeff contacted me and mentioned he knows some young men who would be interested in having a grand opening with sponsors associated with skateboarding. Very preliminary. There's a lot of excitement for it.

Boat Launch: Superintendent Hastings reported this continues to be monitored through the Lorain county grant where they test the water quality. We post daily. The mayor had us order and start installing armor stone on the jetty on the westside of the launch and the ramps. We want to eliminate the possibility of people going up there and picnicking because it's dangerous. Mayor Bring states also, if we get enough of these rocks up there maybe it will deter the geese and get them to move elsewhere.

Shell Cove Park: Superintendent Hastings reported we have ordered a clearcoat product for the deck. We will also use this at Ferndale Park on the bridge. This bridge was recently repaired. One of the pylons was sinking. They dug that out and refortified the bottom. There is still a pending grant through the Nature works. This will be for a playground that will be announced in late October.

Guenther Park: Superintendent Hastings reported mostly maintenance, but we are starting to clear out along the wood line.

Lakewood Beach Park: Superintendent Hastings reported maintenance. Our sign was stolen from this park. It was through the recycled lumber company and valued at \$1,000 or better. Councilman Kovach asks the one out by the street?

Superintendent Hastings replies yes.

Ferndale Park: Superintendent Hastings reported no news.

Gary Green Park: Superintendent Hastings reported we are filling in some low spots that we weren't able to really mow this spring.

Freedom Park: Superintendent Hastings reported we were able to reclaim the screenings from the Abbe Rd. project to use as the base for the dog park. Grass is not always the best alternative. I visited a dog park while traveling that included a water feature, a small pond that is part of the fenced in area. This would help satisfy the request of our residents to let their dogs on the beaches. As these plans pull together, we hope to start construction in September. I'm hopeful that the Parkboard would be in agreement to add that feature, unless there is an objection. It will be shallow; 30 ft. Councilman Kovach asks will it be a standing pond, or will there be aeration? Superintendent Hastings replies the one I saw did not have aeration but that's easily achieved. Councilman Kovach states that way it will help with algae, etc. Superintendent Hastings responds you can even get a windmill and do it by wind instead of electricity. I will look into it. Councilwoman Gee states you could use solar. Councilman Kovach asks what type of windmill?

Superintendent Hastings replies something like on a farm, not like the turbines. 18 ft. tall. A lot of the state parks have them. Councilman Kovach states it will require less maintenance with aeration. Superintendent Hastings states the ponds are a big hit at these parks. The fencing was unique. It was split rails, with three rails and like chicken wire against that. We priced out cyclone fencing.

Memorial Park: Superintendent Hastings reported no news here just maintenance.

Erie Shore Park: Superintendent Hastings reported this park is just maintenance.

West Shore Park; Community Center addition – Superintendent Hastings reported we have ordered the grills and will be taking some of the current grills to Freedom Park Pavilion.

Grants, Gifts & Awards: No report

Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge: Superintendent Hastings reported maintenance. We have been clearing some of the land of the dead and fallen trees. Fill-in work mostly.

Lincoln Nature Trail: Superintendent Hastings reported this is still pending the ODNR grant. That will be announced in late October, early November.

Pier behind Community Center – Superintendent Hastings reported this funding is on hold. To keep his wishes, I will be exploring a coastal management grant for the

engineering side. It will be a phase project. It will be every bit of \$75-100,000 for engineering of that magnitude. I would say this would be early 2020. The city was awarded in cooperation with Lorain County and the Port Authority, a \$10,000 grant to curb cigarette litter making its way into Lake Erie. It would be for stickers, advertising, receptacles, etc. The \$10,000 would be split between the four people in the group, Amherst is in it as well. We would get about 6-10 ashtrays on a stand. Believe it or not a company takes all those cigarette butts and recycles them into things like pens, bottles, etc. Councilman Kovach asks are they plastic ashtrays? Superintendent Hastings replies no, these are metal ones. They won't burn. Councilman Kovach asks have you made any dealings with the benches? Superintendent Hastings asks at the community center? Councilman Kovach replies no, where you were going to be taking them out of the boat launch. Superintendent Hastings asks you are talking about the ones that are tilted? I just talked to Jerry and Jason today about concrete pads before the end of the season. One of my grant sources for purchasing benches, we pursued a match for the leaf program with that money. We are spending upwards of \$100,000. We offset it this year with that. We are still looking at it. We will do pads this year. The bench portion is on hold but foundation is set to go.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Bring 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL
Brandy Randolph

CHAIRMAN
James Lewis

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 May 20, 2019.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Rick Rosso