

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, October 19, 2020. Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Absent: Dailey.

Attending: None

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wright to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

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

Superintendent Hastings reports below.

**Memorial Park:** No report.

**Freedom Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports our latest efforts are at the dog park. We did receive our shelter from Kirby that's 100% recycled products. I hope to have that installed this season. I took delivery of some missing parts that were necessary for a dog plank.

**Ferndale Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports there is interest in expansion of our skate park. We were able to get the plans and cost estimates from Millersburg. That project came in at about \$217,000. I can pursue this through nature grants. I know the group is talking about matching some funds through donations, etc.

**Gary Green Park:** Superintendent Hastings reported we recently did some maintenance on the PayPal's park equipment. We ordered new clasps and straps for the swings, etc. I met with Snider Recreation and Member Wright at the park. One of our greater goals is a splash pad. The pad was 40 x 60 and the cost was \$177,087. I have that earmarked for a nature's work grant as well as some other options. Gary Green as well as Freedom Park have asphalt basketball courts that are in need of resurfacing.

**Guenther Park:** No report.

**Erie Shore Park:** Maintenance.

**Boat Launch:** Superintendent Hastings reports while talking with Snider, I explained the Mayor's interest on a gazebo, some readymade structures as opposed

to scratch built. We continue to have the ramps in the water and the bathrooms open for the fishing tournaments.

**Shell Cove Park:** Superintendent Hastings replies this is the subject of our recent playground acquisition. I have two renderings for you this evening. The first one was through Game Time and included Wally the Whale which Mr. Wright advised the exorbitant cost for it. You are talking another \$25,000 for this. He helped me research an alternative that was about half the cost. I went back to Game Time, so they had a fair comparison. They offered another example and reduced the footprint of their structure. The two renderings are within \$2,000 of each other. The whale has great curb appeal and would really look fantastic there, but it is expensive. I have a third option which would add \$15-20,000. Most of me says to be prudent and use that money elsewhere. Game Time provided the playground at Freedom Park and it is very high quality.

**West Shore Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports we applied for a preapplication to coastal management for the \$80,000 engineering fee necessary to build a pier. Administration has been working across the street putting together West Shore Park South. This is a parking lot that would accommodate the pier, if built. It would have RRFB's, crosswalks pedestrian activated. That project is around \$375,000. With the pier, it would come in at about \$1.1 million. Mayor Bring states there are three lots there and we are at about 99% on two of them. One is a back lot. According to the county auditor, the value for that is very low and they want more money then what we are willing to pay right now. I think we will purchase the two out front. Superintendent Hastings reports I am proactively going after everything.

**Lakewood Beach Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports maintenance. We still need to replace the sign. Once the lease is renewed with the woodshop, we are going to add that as part of a barter system with signs and favorable rent, etc.

**Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge:** Superintendent Hastings reports the mayor did opt for engineering of the structure. When the company provided the quotes on material, strongly suggested engineering. While we agreed it's a short, small wall, how we develop around it in the future justifies some engineering. We are underway on that. We hope to have all that complete by the end of this year. Mayor Bring states it will look similar to the Avon Lake boat club.

**Lincoln Nature Trail:** Superintendent Hastings reports we just completed with HZW Environmental Engineering the wetland delineation. There are some obstacles that would prohibit the city from pouring an asphalt trail. Most likely we will have some boardwalk situations like we do at the back of Ferndale. I submitted an application to Buffalo USAC and they have to give a jurisdictional decision and comment as proposed if it's acceptable. They are backed up due to COVID. The city submitted a very detailed report of about 85 pages with photos, etc. I have the engineering for the mayor's signature that's about a \$25,000 investment and we should realize all of that and have a bid package by spring. That project will come in, which is already funded, at \$325,000. The greater goal would

be to have that trail from Oster to Lake Rd. as it cuts through Gary Green Park, you would be walking to a splash pad to boot.

**Pier behind Community Center:** Addressed above.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Superintendent Hastings reports the mayor and administration are still in negotiations at Ferndale Park for an AT&T tower. T-Mobile is currently on the water tower and that tower is empty. I intend to raise and rebuild that in the next couple of years. That would afford T-Mobile a place to put their equipment and get it off our tank. Then the city would realize an income stream to continue to improve Ferndale Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** *Nick (inaudible), 266 Belmar Blvd., Avon Lake. Ed Honse, 735 Stark St., Sheffield Lake.* Nick states we are both lifelong avid skateboarders. We skate at Ferndale Park a lot. What the city has done there is incredible. People are coming from all over to go there. We travel around with a group of kids that we teach skateboarding, etc. to. We supply them water and food. We have a lot of connections in the skateboarding world. A guy who works with us built (inaudible) parks for 10-15 years. He is connected with a lot of people who built these parks. If it were to be a concrete park, like Millersburg, it has a bowl, a spine ramp, concrete banks with ledges and quarter pipes, etc. It is all concrete and doesn't take any maintenance. The total cost was \$217,000. Half of that would be incredible to spend at Ferndale. If it was just the bowl with some steps, etc. around it for \$100-150,000, it would make it the best skatepark around. The only bowl around here is Bay Village, and it is challenging even for us. It was made horribly. Superintendent Hastings states I have heard the challenge is because of the depth of the bowl. Nick replies yes. Avon Lake complains about the graffiti, but as long as it's not offensive, leave it be. It's part of the park. If you look at any of the parks out west, the ones that cost millions, they are covered in paint. If the city were to say we can allocate these funds if you guys match it, we would be willing to do fundraisers, etc. I would personally match \$5,000. I think it has tons of potential. We are having a skate competition there on Halloween, Night of the Living Shred. It starts at 1pm, we invite you all to come up. If there is anything we could do to help, if we knew a dollar amount, we would do the legwork. We don't want people who aren't skateboarders deciding what to do up there. If you guys would trust us to get with the skateboarders that ride there all the time, I think it would really bring people in from other cities to ride there. Mayor Bring states we have to let Mr. Hastings do a little investigating with the grants, etc. and see what we can get. We had a grind rail stolen out of the park and it was gone for about six months and we told the kids and they were very upset and going to buy one, but someone must have known who took it because it came back. The kids kind of policed it themselves. Nick states it's a great group of kids. Mr. Honse states we have a kid who comes from Lorain to skate and one day he got up there and there was an altercation between some kids and the cops were there and said if it keeps happening they could close the park and this kid was heartbroken. He walked up to

the kid causing the problems and said you have to go. This is the only thing I have. When we are up there, the kids mind their p's and q's. Chairman Lewis states you guys need to work with Mr. Hastings on what you want up there. You need to give him your input. Nick responds if we get a price, we can start a design to that price. Member Gee states I want to thank you for coming here. I think it is a good idea to invest in our community and children and give them something to look forward to. Member Wright states I live a few blocks from the park and since that equipment has been put in, it has been nothing short of transcendent. I want to thank you two for all you do for the community. It is awesome to see all the activity up there. I see you cooking out, etc. What do you think your capability, your scope is when it comes to raising funds? What do you guys realistically believe you can generate for funds that the city would match? Obviously \$50,000 one way or the other is a big difference in the elements you could put in. Who are you talking to, what design companies are you working with? (Unidentified citizen) replies Brad has a couple design companies he has talked to. There are two in particular, I know Spohn Ranch. When Brad was working building ramps, he (inaudible) everyday for about 15 years with Aaron Spohn. When we were in Millersburg, he knew the transitions, etc. He said I know this was built by Aaron Spohn. We looked it up and sure enough, it was. I went to Dublin, Ohio which is the closest park built by Spohn Ranch, it was amazing. We were talking about the bowl and price on the bowl is the drainage because all the water sits in the bottom of the bowl and you gotta pump it out. We talked about a slab bowl. Instead of being encased, it's pitched. So, it's encased but has one side that's open, so all the water drains out. He also talked to Team Pain. He got a couple of square footage costs. Realistically, I would say we can do some fundraisers that come up with \$30-50,000. Do we come up with an amount and design around that or do we come up with a design and hope it fits cost? Member Wright asks you aren't a 501(c)(3) right? Nick replies we are working on it. Member Wright asks have you talked to Tony Hawk Foundation? (Unidentified citizen) replies yeah, they are now called the Skateboard Foundation and we messaged them. Until you get the 501(c)(3), you can't talk to them until then. Member Wright asks Mr. Hastings, do these fellows have the ability to essentially write up a grant and hand it over to you and the city signs off on it? Superintendent Hastings asks as a 501(c)(3)? Member Wright replies no, as a municipality. If they find something available and wrote that grant, is it possible to hand the document over to you and you sign off and send it away? Superintendent Hastings replies yes. Member Wright states I am somewhat familiar with Spohn Ranch and his designs are considered top notch in the field; they are also the most expensive. Nick states I would love to support local and hire a local company to do something like this, but it doesn't fly with something like this. Member Wright states I reached out to the company that built the Bay Village skate park and they no longer exist. Nick asks if we were to get a price on a bowl we want, would that be a good first step to get this going? Mayor Bring replies I think that's what we were thinking of doing first, yeah.

**\MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Wright/Second by unrecognized member to adjourn at 7:32 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  
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may apply. All meetings are recorded and available in Council's Offices.

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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

*Brandy Randolph*

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 19, 2020.

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**CHAIRMAN**

*James Lewis*

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**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

*Rick Rosso*