

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
July 19, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, July 19, 2021. Acting Chairman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Excused: Lewis, Gee.

Attending: Citizens.

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Wright/Second by Dailey to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

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

**Memorial Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports the new equipment is on track for a September install and next month I will schedule removal of the current equipment.

**Freedom Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports the expanded parking is done. We removed the split rail fence in front of it in the hopes that most compact cars can pull straight in. I am going to coordinate striping the street there to differentiate between thru traffic and parking. We are considering a bollard or two for the concrete approach because cars are backing up all the way to the fence. There was an accident here since our last meeting. A vehicle southbound on West Dr. did not make the bend and went right on through and took out some landscaping, hit a beam on a pavilion and then came to a stop at a second beam. It has since been repaired and I have all of our costs put together. We will collect it via insurance or through the court.

**Ferndale Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports we are starting to do some preliminary design for the bowl addition to the skate park.

**Gary Green Park:** Superintendent Hastings reports I have a grant still pending with ODNR. It is also the intersecting point of the Lincoln Nature Trail. As I have reported, it is being held up by USACE. They did a site visit and there is a small amount of wetlands between Oster Rd. and Lake Rd. We have to build a raised deck overtop, much like what we did at Ferndale. Now they have to determine and put in writing whether you get a nationwide permit or a specialized permit. Our environmental engineers did reach out to the higher management, because we have to get this project bid, it needs finished by the end of the year.

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

***Erie Shore Park:*** Superintendent Hastings reports the bike stop and repair station has been replaced. Unfortunately, we have noticed substantial dead grass around a pear tree that has been in question of us removing it. It's as if the area has been somehow sprayed or vandalized. The tree still seems good.

***Boat Launch:*** Superintendent Hastings reports having realized the expenses for dredging, etc. our budget is able to handle, I'll be seeking the mayor's approval to fix the outward jetty. It would be repaired by barge. We continue to have a terrible goose problem down there. We are trying to research some alternatives and did come across a lighting system. It is about \$350 for a flashing light. Supposedly, it affects their sleeping habits. I have had a couple complaints on people often pulling up in the prep lane and sitting there to look at the lake. Recently, people are parking there and walking away. I know the police were called, because it is bottlenecking people's ability to do what the intention of that is. I'm not an advocate of signs everywhere, but maybe something to the effect of you can't leave your vehicle unattended. Member Wright says maybe a solution to a sign would be to paint something in that lane, boat prep area, etc.? Superintendent Hastings replies I originally had that as well as a tiedown area when you exit the launch, the problem is we don't have stencils like that. I did start working with Traffic Tech today on striping of our city streets, I will see if I can include in our contract that kind of work. Acting Chairman Kovach states I noticed it last week and the boats couldn't even get in. The whole outer lane had cars parked there. There have been some minor incidents at the restrooms, nothing major. Some eggs were brought in there and whipped up into what they thought were ceiling tiles but are actually heating panels. That can be expensive to repair.

***Shell Cove Park:*** Superintendent Hastings reports similar to the swings at the boat launch, we are pursuing the purchase of two more, one for the community center and one for Shell Cove Park. That would be a fall installation. At the community center, I am working with the Art League who would like to donate a tree in memory of one of their members who also wanted a bench. That might be something I can coordinate with them.

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

***Lakewood Beach Park:*** Superintendent Hastings reports we did get a complaint that the trees and debris had kind of bottlenecked up and prevented the water from going out. When we visited the site, it was really more of the sand moving. Nonetheless, we went in and cleaned it from Lake Erie to the box culvert.

***Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge:*** Superintendent Hastings reports we are still looking at a late summer/early fall repair of the highest point of the trail, south of the covered bridge. There is a lot of erosion there and we have earmarked some funds with both Armor Stone, and we actually are collecting stones and debris along our beach and some of our storm outfalls as well.

***Lincoln Nature Trail:*** Superintendent Hastings has no report.

***Pier behind Community Center:*** Superintendent Hastings reports because of the grant cycles, I haven't pursued anything currently. However, Marcy Kaptur recently lobbied for \$4 million dollars to be used toward the lakefront connectivity

plan. That is what we did back in 2017-18 with the 4 lakefront communities. I intend to lobby and try to continue forward with our plans of a pier, parking across the street, etc. It is a long process.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Member Wright asks with the bowl at Ferndale, that was really sort of spurned on by that local advocacy group, if they disappear, does the city still plan to pursue that? Superintendent Hastings replies they haven't disappeared, they were in the parade the other night. They were allowing me the opportunity to research grants, etc. I'm at the point that I need some definitive plans and dollars. Member Wright replies I thought they said they were going to be the ones that reached out to the design company and brought plans to us to get an idea. Superintendent Hastings replies correct, now I am doing it.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** George Wenner, 631 Treadway Blvd. states I just heard about the splashpad. We had a community meeting July 1<sup>st</sup> and that is where the neighbors found out about the splashpad. What is it, what's the thought or is it just a matter of someone thought about it and that's as far as it goes? Member Wright replies a splashpad is a zero-depth water play feature. It would be a pad of about 40ft. in diameter and would have play items and flush mount water spray activities. How it works is you hit a button and these things engage and water comes shooting out, kids play and have fun and it cycles for a few minutes then shuts off. It is controlled electronically by a computer keypad, so the city can program it to run a certain amount during the day and year. The location we were looking at is Lincoln Park on Richelieu. West of the pavilion. Superintendent Hastings states the current pavilion would have a proposed nature trail and then would be a pad. The trail would have an asphalt lead to both the pavilion and the pad. Mr. Wenner then asks has there been a thought of converting that gravel lot to all parking? What we see is that when people come to the playground, they park on Richelieu where it curves on the grass, and it ends up being congested. For years that gravel has been there and some people park there, but not everyone thinks it's a parking lot. I wish we had a designated parking lot that was marked off and had a nice entrance. If we could tie it in with the path and the splash pad, I think it would be a good idea. Member Wright responds we are in such a conceptual phase of this right now that we haven't gotten that deep. Superintendent Hastings states we have talked about it. I would like to see it in asphalt, and I would like to see a trail from that parking lot to the pad. Mr. Wenner states my neighbors had issues with kids being on the gravel pile, throwing rocks at their dogs, etc. Mayor Bring says part of the reason it is not done now is because of what is being proposed. We have been talking about it. I agree with everything you said and we may end up with a paved parking lot there.

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

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Brandy Randolph*

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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 July 19, 2021.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*