

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
February 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, February 21, 2022. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Excused: None.

Attending: Councilwoman Gee

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the Jan. 24, 2022 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

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

**SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

Service Director Hastings reports below:

**Memorial Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Freedom Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Ferndale Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Gary Green Park:** Service Director Hastings reports after the last meeting we did a close inspection and found a lot of cracks, etc. The plastic lumbar has reached its' useful life and is not safe. We are starting to dismantle that. I will begin researching a replacement and would welcome any input. With the Lincoln Nature Trail, Gary Green is where they stopped in the winter. They have since headed south and are working on the raised boardwalks.

**Guenther Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Erie Shore Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Boat Launch:** Service Director Hastings reports the city was contacted by Billy Votruba Enterprises about dredging out the sand. I am going to reach out to the other companies we deal with as well and see who can have it cleaned out by April 15<sup>th</sup> so I don't have to file for an extension. I have been contacted by the storybook trail and that equipment has been purchased. I attended a seminar with the Lorain County Board of Health, and they have reinstated the healthy places grant. The city has been successful with that a few times. My goal would be to fund the extension of the asphalt trail on the westside of Ferndale Park. I am going to pursue some improvements for a trail as well as parking. I'll be asking for around \$5-10,000. Mayor Bring says I am going to reach out to some of the local birdwatchers and see if there is something we can do to encourage birds to nest, etc. Maybe we can get more people interested in that. There is a Facebook group that enjoys the trail for birdwatching. Chairman Wright asks is there anything new

with skatepark stuff? Mayor Bring replies I haven't heard anything. Chairman Wright asks what about the guy with the garden idea? Service Director Hastings responds no. However, I am part of the Lorain County Beautiful Advisory Board and there is a cigarette litter prevention group, and we got a \$10,000 grant. We have used that before and I have placed ashtrays at the boat launch and community center and there has been a definite improvement. I researched and they promote butterfly gardens and there are possibilities of grant funding if the city should take on neighborhood gardening. Chairman Wright states attached tonight is the budget and also a detail expense transaction that I thought was really insightful. The line item for buildings & repairs, was that the work done at the concession stand? Service Director Hastings replies I would have to research it. Chairman Wright asks I believe I could get a decent amount of volunteer activity, what concerns are there? Service Director Hastings replies our park dept. is union now so I would have to talk to them. I'm sure they would be receptive, but I have to give them the respect of a conversation. Mayor Bring says my biggest thing is if they are going to do things, they can't just go there and start doing them, they should have specific jobs, be on a board, etc. Chairman Wright asks are you open to me reaching out to Schneider & Assoc. for playground design over at Gary Green? Service Director Hastings replies absolutely. Chairman Wright says if I recall, that was a community-built effort? Service Director Hastings replies it was. Chairman Wright asks are we open to something like that in the future? Council Representative Kovach says they had been raising funds for that for quite some time. They bought the actual equipment and the parks dept. used matching grant money and bought the crumb rubber at that time. It was volunteer labor that put that in. Short discussion on fundraising ideas. Member Gee asks for the volunteers, would we accept community service? Chairman Wright replies I have used them before and as long as it was a small percentage of the group, it worked. I think it's a great idea. Service Director Hastings states we do have Pride Day coming up the third Saturday in May. Councilwoman Gee says Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District has their sale of seedlings/saplings going on right now. Chairman Wright asks when we do plantings, how are they maintained and kept up? Mayor Bring replies we have an all-terrain vehicle that has watering capability, etc.

**Shell Cove Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**West Shore Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Lakewood Beach Park:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Lincoln Nature Trail:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**Pier behind Community Center:** Service Director Hastings has no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Service Director Hastings asks I was wondering if with the construction of the Brookside Trail, the forthcoming construction of the Lincoln Trail, if it is in the city's best interest to identify trails as part of being the control

of the Park Board if you will? It is kind of a gray area. When I write the grants, you always have to show maintenance, etc. so I always describe it as a joint venture. Chairman Wright asks can you elaborate? Service Director Hastings replies I would like them (the trails) to be described as under the control of the Park Board. Chairman Wright states it seems to make sense. Council Representative Kovach says I think it would be better if it was. All members are in favor. Service Director Hastings says I will look into getting that done.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey to adjourn at 7:28 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 February 21, 2022.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
*Rick Rosso*