

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 25, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, April 25, 2022. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Excused: Gee, Dailey.

Attending: None.

MINUTES: *Motion by Kovach/Second by Wright to accept the minutes of the Mar. 21, 2022 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Bring states the recreation director position I think is going to be very difficult to bring on this year after reviewing the budget. We will put that on a back burner for now. Chairman Wright says I am looking for how to present it for budget consideration next year. What info do I need and to whom should I bring it? Mayor Bring replies we will have to figure out the cost, find a person and see what programs they would want to bring, etc. Representative Kovach says I think it should be brought to the next finance meeting and start the ball there. Chairman Wright states my thought is if what is going to be offered is essentially a part time salary, it would have to be a part time workload and someone who could make headway in the goals we would like to see in those part time hours. Service Director Hastings states historically, that figure has been under \$5,000 a year. One strategy I'm talking with administration on, is too coordinate a recreation director's position with operating the management of the community center, they could run their office out of there. I have been doing it because I was asked to fill in, 16 years ago. I do intend to give that up at the end of the year. I think it's about \$6,000 with the community center. That would put someone in the \$10,000 range, but is that even enough? Chairman Wright asks is there a current city employee that could possibly take it on? Mayor Bring replies we want to keep that separate.

SERVICE DIRECTOR / PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Service Director Hastings reports we are plagued by wet weather and are anxious to cut grass. At some of the lake front parks we are currently adding the bench swings like we have at the boat launch. One will be at Shell Cove Park and one at the community center. At the community center, I did have interest from the art league to plant a memorial tree to coincide with the bench. I can accommodate it but haven't heard from them. I also had interest from a woman on Hawthorne who would like to donate a tree and a plaque in memory of her daughter. Park Board

does allow for benches like we have at the boat launch with a little memorial. The dog park was damaged, and they broke two of the features there. One can be welded and one I will have to order. It's very discouraging. We do have the summer recreation program coming back, it will be at the community center. Pride day is coming up on May 21st. I have several groups that have reached out. We recently took down the last inoperable wind turbine, so I am looking at two windsocks for each of those poles custom made to say Sheffield Lake, etc. Under grants, I will be resubmitting in May the splash pad at Gary Green Park and am still closing out the Lincoln Nature Trail. That is ready to be paved, it is too wet right now. I will be processing about \$150,000 in grant money here shortly. I am working on a grant for pedestrian activated signals at Richelieu around the bend. I have gotten complaints of atv's as well as Amazon using the trail. Once the project is done, we will put some kind of permanent structure at the end of the streets for safety. Chairman Wright says I sent info on bollards; is there any more info I need to get? Service Director Hastings replies sure, what ever you get. In response to your email, the city intends to pursue the playground the city voted in favor of, we just had a very expensive first quarter. I would say by May, we will confirm and move.

Memorial Park: Service Director Hastings has no report.

Freedom Park: Service Director Hastings reports today it was reported we have vandalism on our tables with markers.

Ferndale Park: Service Director Hastings reports we have the story book trail ordered from the library. We did start to put down a parking area. It will start at the west entrance of the park.

Gary Green Park: Service Director Hastings reports this continues to get vandalized. They are throwing dirt and rocks onto the rooftop and carving into tables. I do have meetings scheduled with our IT guy to install cameras.

Guenther Park: Service Director Hastings has no report.

Erie Shore Park: Service Director Hastings has no report.

Boat Launch: Service Director Hastings reports this was completed and that included \$30,000 in excavation, dredging, stone and sand. The contractor donated approximately \$36,000 more. We have two beaches now essentially. The bathrooms have been dewatered and ready to go.

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 reports above.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Wright to adjourn at 7:23 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

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 April 25, 2022.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso