

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
June 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, June 20, 2022. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Wright, Gee, Dailey, Fritz, Council Representative Kovach.

Excused: Mayor Bring, Service Director Hastings.

Attending: Councilwoman Gee.

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting as written. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**MAYOR REPORT:** Mayor Bring is excused.

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

Service Director Hastings is excused.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Wright says it is my understanding we are a judicial/legislative board for things that go on in the parks. Council Representative Kovach says we are an administrative board. Chairman Wright says we help approve decisions for new goings on in our parks. I want to take on more than just being an administrative board. I think we have a fantastic park board system for our community, but I would love to take a more active role in a vision for our parks. I'm talking of simply understanding and having a general knowledge of inventory of what we have in our parks, coming up with ideas we want to present, potentially coming up with more grassroots/fundraising, etc. Member Dailey says some thoughts are maybe can we get more monitoring at the parks, police presence. I know they walk the path, but not sure about the parks. Council Representative Kovach says remember, there are already cameras at the parks as well. Instead of fundraising, you may want to look and see if there are any groups that might want to sponsor a project like they did at Gary Green Park. To do fundraising you have to be a 501c3 or licensed, etc. Chairman Wright asks do we want to see changes to Memorial Park to enhance it or bring greater awareness to the veterans memorialized there? If yes, what are some things? Council Representative Kovach says that is a work in progress already. Councilwoman Gee says we have done a lot there and the next step is a gazebo this fall. Council Representative Kovach says Community Park kind of takes care of itself, Shell Cove, we have rebuilt the deck and they have the alumni memorial and have adopted 50% of that park and are continuously working on it. A park that we may look into is Erie Shore, it could use some improvements. Chairman Wright says

that is what I am asking. Do board members want to be more proactive in helping to decide what goes on in the parks vs. waiting for Mr. Hastings to come and tell us what he has in mind and us simply saying yes or no? Council Representative Kovach replies this board has always been an active member. My suggestion is perhaps pick a park and come up with a game plan that you would like to see go on. Chairman Wright responds that is what I am trying to do. I went to the four largest community parks and Memorial Park and took pictures and I intend to put together a document that shows what we have and suggestions of how to potentially develop these in the future. If anyone wanted to take on a park that they really want to see something happen in, let me know. I love what I have seen with the improvements to our parks in the last 5-6 years. Do we have written/visual current plans? Council Representative Kovach responds it is on the website if I'm not mistaken. The parks are part of the city master plan. Councilwoman Gee says planning still has not finished the master plan. The survey is out to the public now. Chairman Wright asks the current master plan, what is included in there about the parks, is what you have worked on? Council Representative Kovach replies our parks 5 year plan was incorporated in the city's master plan. Chairman Wright says the current master plan was done under the Piskura administration and is way past 5 years. Council Representative Kovach replies we have done an update in between. Chairman Wright asks should we wait until the city's master plan is done, because I know there was a lot mentioned about the city parks in that plan? Councilman Kovach replies I would look and see what is there and choose something to proceed with, I don't think it will affect the city master plan. Chairman Wright asks when was the last time this board looked at the park master plan? Council Representative Kovach replies it has been awhile, since Lenny was on the board. Chairman Wright asks are we interested as a board in doing that again, or should we leave what was done over a decade ago? Member Gee says we can look at it and see what we have done and what we can do. Member Fritz says you are asking if we want to be proactive or reactive. I think we probably want to be more proactive within the goals or mission and not just randomly. I think we need to look at the plan and see what needs fixed, etc. Chairman Wright asks does anyone have any ideas? Councilwoman Gee replies right now one of the goals of the parks is to put the pier behind the community center, it has been talked about for 3 years and is actively being sought. Chairman Wright says I think that is a wonderful idea. We have also talked about a splash pad, a bowl for the skate park and a storybook trail. I believe we start with reviewing the current plan that is in place and seeing what improvements we can make upon it. Councilwoman Gee says there is an event at Ferndale Park this weekend, Shred with Ed, that maybe you can attend and voice your concerns with the kids vaping, etc.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey to adjourn at 7:41 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

*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 June 20, 2022.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*