

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
January 23, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, January 23, 2022. Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

Excused: Gee, Fritz.

Attending: None.

**MINUTES:** \*Motion by Dailey/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the December 19, 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 we have moved our park dept. staff over to the sunset building to coordinate the removal of the Office on Aging and foodbank in an effort to repurpose it. We are considering the parks using that building and storing recreational and park items there. I read in the minutes the interest in some senior programs and brought up were a bocci ball court and pickle ball. Along those lines, we need to consider resurfacing the basketball courts at Freedom Park and Gary Green Park. In doing so, I was going to research the possibility of double striping it so it could accommodate pickle ball. We did receive the new sign for the boat launch from the Northcoast Community Woodshop. I have the guys working on the crosswalks that traverse our trails. The city did receive a grant to continue the all purpose concrete trail which goes from the boat launch to the covered bridge and will now extend from the bridge to the community center. I did unofficially get another quarter million that will take that trail to Harris Rd. The greater goal is of connecting all of our parks and having the ability to bike or walk throughout. The city was not awarded the grant through ODNR for the splashpad. I intend to try again, and it is due in May. Member Dailey asks will there be a fence around the basketball hoops for the pickle ball? How does pickle ball work? Representative Kovach replies it is similar to tennis, but they use big ping pong paddles. I would personally lean more towards pickle ball then bocci ball. Chairman Wright asks if we do a portable one, who is responsible for setting it up? Mayor Bring replies we would have to figure that out. Service Director Hastings responds during the day, our staff could set it up and for afterhours reservations we could set up a contact, etc. Would you want to do multiple courts or just one? My concern in double striping is conflicts between kids who want to play basketball and seniors who want to play pickle ball, how do we get ahead of that and make

sure it doesn't happen? Mayor Bring replies we will have to set something up. Chairman Wright asks are they making a new sign for Lakewood Beach Park? Service Director Hastings replies yes. Chairman Wright asks the trail along Route 6, how far east are you planning to go? Service Director Hastings replies the entire city.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman Wright states with Erie Shores Park, I met with a landscape architect to get ideas. My intention was to potentially even fund a design there myself until I got the quote, it was \$2,500. I really was hoping to get some designs, etc. that could help Mr. Hastings with grant writing. How could we as a board and city go about a design aspect of this and selecting how to approach this project and prioritize the different elements of it? Service Director Hastings replies there is always the potential of reaching out to our local landscape companies for free advice, etc. Mayor Bring states I have someone I could reach out to. Chairman Wright says we have had people talking about community gardens awhile ago and I think we were in favor of that. We haven't heard from them since, but the growing season is close. I think maybe next session we should really start to consider what parks we want to designate green space at, how much, etc. Representative Kovach says I thought we originally had said by the dog park. Service Director Hastings states due to the departure of the Office on Aging, we find ourselves with availability during the day and we have been discussing a town meeting at the community center. We hope to get input from the community on what they would like to see and could also talk about community gardens and getting them started. Members have a short internal discussion on different activities/things they would like to see. \*Motion by Dailey/Second by Kovach to add community gardens to the agenda.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Wright/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 7:31 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 January 23, 2023

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**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

*Rick Rosso*