

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
May 19, 2009**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Council President Edward Podmanik called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Podmanik, Rosso, Bring, Kovach, Elliott, Smith

Absent: Huska, Diebold, Treasurer E Hoenig, Finance Director Smith, Mayor Piskura (excused)

Attending: Members of the Media – Avon Lake Press

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

\*\*\*\*\***COMMITTEES**\*\*\*\*\*

**ROADS & DRAINS:** Councilman Rosso asked at Roads and Drains did Mike Meno show up asking about South Street? Mr. Smith answered no. Mr. Bring stated it wasn't Mike but somebody did say something, I think it was 2 ladies or something like that because they were complaining that since Walker Road was so torn up. Mr. Smith advised it wasn't Roads and Drains was it? Mr. Bring answered I though it was. Mr. Rosso advised he called like the week before. There was a brief discussion of where and when South Street was brought up and Mr. Smith advised they are still working on the streets that they are going to do and I am not sure which one they are going to do. Mr. Bring advised I think originally they thought it was going to paved and it is just going to be patched. Mr. Smith advised to be honest with you I drove it and to me it is not really that bad. Mr. Rosso advised that is what I said. Mr. Smith advised there was holes but I drove it and if the holes were patched it is not that bad. Compared to Ivanhoe, do you remember Ivanhoe like a war zone. It really wasn't that bad because it was tar and chipped I know once but there is an issue with water over there. Mr. Rosso stated it is the only street that I get calls about and people are adamant about wanting it paved and concerned about being able to get out once Ferndale gets tore up. So he called and I said hey I am not going to be there Monday and he said well I can make the meeting and I said okay go ahead and I will catch up afterwards. Mr. Bring stated I don't think it was a guy, it was 2 ladies that were complaining about it. There was a brief discussion. Mr. Rosso advised it will be a heavily used street when Ferndale is tore up so anything we can do to make it better would be a good thing./**SAFETY: None./BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES &**

**EQUIPMENT:** Chairman Kovach advised I am pretty sure that the only thing that is under my committee's guise right now is working quite well up there at the Shoreway Shopping Center, that is just about done as Joe isn't here to give any further updates on it, I guess we will wait until the next Council meeting. Mr. Bring advised I think they did put that new lift in the Service Building now. If anybody gets a chance to take a look at that, they can lift up on the big trucks now. Mr. Smith advised John has got to be in his glory. Mr. Bring answered he is and plus they got a lot more room over there. Chairman Kovach advised he seemed very happy during Pride

Day./**ORDINANCE:** Chairman Elliott advised I have just one thing, Council#029, I think we originally intended for this to be an emergency. It is going for 3 readings and I am just wondering what Council wants to do with it – if you want to leave it at 3 readings or should make it an emergency just to get it over and done with. That is the golf carts. Mr. Smith advised I say go 3 readings so that everybody has got their chance. Mr. Rosso advised I say let it go 3 readings but I would put the emergency clause on it so it takes effect before winter. Mr. Kovach advised nobody has come to complain yet. So I would let it go at 3 readings but I do agree with Rick. Mr. Smith advised I have to say though I did see the one guy that was here with an expensive one. He has got a sharp little old golf cart, I will tell you when he was coming down that street behind Shoreway and that thing was decked out. Mr. Kovach concurred. Mr. Bring advised but the only thing is he has a little kid sitting in the front seat of it. Mr. Smith stated him and girlfriend and him, they were all three sitting in it. Mr. Elliott stated so pretty much everybody is saying let it go 3 readings and add the emergency clause. There was a brief discussion./**FINANCE: None./PARK**

**BOARD:** Member Kovach advised we did meet last night and I am going to pass these out to everybody. I asked last night to have this jurisdiction by Park Board discussion for this meeting. He advised to open brochure to page 10 and explained discussions at last night's Park Board. He advised the only downside to this whole thing is the bike trail and the land on either side of it is not under the jurisdiction of the parks, that is on a road and it technically belongs to the Service Department. This came up in our meeting and it is very similar to the way the Civic Center is run. Park Board takes care of the land outside but the Service Department takes care of the building. Whereas we really don't have at this point the authority to put this or anything else on the sides of the road. Mr. Smith asked why don't you guys just put it in Ferndale Park, when it goes through Ferndale Park. Mr. Kovach advised it is still on the road when it does that. The bike trail is all on Allen Court and Brookside itself. It would have to be put under the jurisdiction of the Park Board which I think would require some legislation. We figured we would push this in front of Dave, everybody is here and I would assume it would then have to go to Ordinance if anybody wanted to do that. Mr. Rosso stated we are only talking about these (skate elements) on the new bike trail, I would hate to see these on Lake Road. Mr. Kovach answered no, no, no this is definitely on the Brookside going through. Mr. Rosso stated so we would have to have legislation that only allows it on that bike trail so 10 years from now somebody doesn't say, hey all bike trails run through the Park Board and I am going to start putting it on Lake Road. Mr. Kovach advised that is a very good analogy of it because like I say technically that bike trail is on the road right-of-way even though it is all paper street. Mr. Smith advised the only issue that I would have is people are going to have the bike trail and you are going to have skate boarders flying down there and crossing right over where bikes are going to be. Mr. Kovach advised it is supposed to be a multi-purpose trail for bicycles, walkers, roller bladders, joggers – the whole nine yards. Mr. Smith stated I don't why you would want to put a skate board ramp going right into the traffic of the other people. Mr. Kovach advised there

brochure was brought by Jonathan Wright last night who has been working with us on Park Board attending regularly. Mr. Smith asked have you guys ever thought about just putting it at Ferndale Park, you got a whole park there. Why would you want to incorporate where you would take skate boarders and put them in collision courses with bicycle riders when you have got a whole park. Law Director Graves advised I don't understand why the city couldn't just put these skate structures in along the road right-of-way with proper legislation, I mean it wouldn't be park. Mr. Kovach stated that is why I am asking you tonight Dave what do we need to do. Right now we can't do anything with it. President Podmanik advised Day Dam, they are all using that and they don't have any trouble what so ever. Mr. Elliott advised you are going to have a variety of people that are going to want to use the bike trail including old people and my concern is that old people get a little nervous around young people like that. So what you are going to end up having I think is once the old people use it once and see all these younger kids they are going to stop using it. I don't want you to get the impression that I am against this idea, I like the skate park idea but I agree with Alan maybe we need to look at Ferndale Parks – it is something that you could actually add on to at a later date and Ferndale Park needs revitalized anyways. Mr. Kovach advised I understand what you are saying but what I am saying is that if we are using any part of that, even if we go by Ferndale Park because there is also going to be the new Metro Park is going to be tied in at Idlewood, that is all going to be tied together. It is supposed to be all multi-purpose, that is part of the granting I guess. Mr. Smith stated that is my whole point, you got a whole park there that is being used for nothing. You could take an 8 foot section from here to there and put ramps up for them. Why incorporate right where bicycles and pedestrian traffic is. Mr. Kovach explained concept of multi-purpose stations but we can't put anything anywhere because it is not ours. The question is do we need legislation and everybody else here would have to pass that legislation or fail it. Law Director Graves advised sounds to me like there needs to be a little bit more discussion about what direction you really want to go. I don't know that Park Board needs to be given jurisdiction over that. If these structures want to be built then we simply build them, just pass legislation allowing those in the road right-of-way and not all recreational apparatus has to go through the Park Board. I also agree with Alan, it is not so much a question of do you want to allow skaters on the trail but do you want skaters kind of criss-crossing in and out of the trail while they are doing their tricks on these apparatus while other people are trying to walk or their dogs and ride bicycles and roller blade. Mr. Kovach advised the train of thought on this we don't have any where near the money to build any kind of a skate park, skate park is going to costs you anywhere between 50,000 to 100,000.00. These features going in we are talking of spending down the road and maybe 1 or 2 at a time costing 10,000 to 15,000 – there is a big costs factor. There was a brief discussion on issue. Mr. Kovach continued Pride Day went extremely well, it was a nice pace all day long. Law Director Graves advised they did switch out 2 dumpsters, they had 6 to start with.

\*\*\*\*\*ADMINISTRATIVE\*\*\*\*\*

**MAYOR: None./FINANCE DIRECTOR: None./SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: None./LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Graves advised we have a lot of projects that are on-going right now. Ferndale Phase II is moving along on track. The demolition at Shoreway is moving along very nicely, they are breaking up the last pieces of concrete. The bike trail is moving along, they have got the footers poured and wired for the wind turbines up at the boat launch. Those are moving forward nicely. As Mr. Kovach pointed out Pride Day was successful, a lot of people came to dump their things. The Finance Director and myself had a meeting today with one of our development consultants and went over all of the existing leases and some of the financials and he is coming back with some recommendations. We reviewed with him where we are with the last couple of tenants that we have proposals on and just trying to make sure that we are on the right wave length, you know we are on the right track as far as where we are with those negotiations. I think the meeting went very well./COMMUNICATIONS: None./OLD BUSINESS: None./NEW BUSINESS: None.**

### **ORDINANCES FOR COUNCILS AGENDA:**

- 1.) Council#029 – SECOND READING – an ordinance amending Chapter 375 of the codified ordinances of the City of Sheffield Lake regarding snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, all purpose vehicles and golf carts.
- 2.) Council#030 – EMERGENCY – an ordinance providing for the establishment and increase and decrease of certain funds within the annual appropriations ordinance of the City of Sheffield Lake and the declaring of an emergency.

Law Director Graves advised as Finance Director pointed out we will probably be coming with some legislation regarding proceeding with Walker Road Phase III.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Council 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 offices.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES  
*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
*Edward R Podmanik*

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Richard Rosso*

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of WORKSESSION of May 19, 2009.

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MAYOR

*John J Piskura*