

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 21, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, September 21, 2009. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Smith, Kovach, Fugate, Evans, Mayor Piskura

Absent: Fugate, Kempton (excused)

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Evans to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting as presented. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Smith advised although we have no formal correspondence, I just want to be real quick. I did get a phone call, a very in-depth phone call from one of the Board members of the Residence next to Lakewood Beach Park and he wants to spur cooperation with us in some way or some facet about cleaning up the whole beach. If we find a way to maintain our beach cleaning efforts down there, they would like to hire us to do their section of their beach at the same time because it is adjoining. Or if they want to partner, they want to know if the possibilities to explore possible partnership on something to clean the beach up. He left all doors open for discussion and he just wanted me to bring it to everyone's attention and think about it. By the way he said they are content with our relationship. Member Kovach asked so we didn't have the big fiasco's that they were expecting once we opened that? Mayor Piskura advised no, the resident that was upset doesn't live there anymore. We had a resident that was one of these Hoover rich and lived there for 3 weeks of the year people that took offense to the city utilizing that property and those people have moved on and since they have moved on they haven't had any complaints. Member Kovach stated well by the same token, what I am saying is any problems that they might occur haven't occurred. Chairman Smith answered I asked him the same thing and he said things have been fine.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Member Kovach stated John you can probably answer this, the pads have been poured right for the bridge? Mayor Piskura answered yes, that happened today. As far as I know. Chairman Smith advised that baseball that is permitted to use Ferndale Park for next year the ones that came. They only found 3 issues they would like to toss our way, he would stopped by my house just to let me know because he knew there was a Park Board meeting and he was going to be here and he apologized that he is not here tonight. He has only found like 3 small issues that they feel can be addressed and it is not going to be a problem, he

would like to see what the city can do first and go from there. He is looking forward and he will probably be here at the next meeting.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT: Member Kovach asked is Mrs. Kempton doing anything for Halloween this year? Mayor Piskura answered I haven't talked about it with her? Did you want one? Chairman Smith stated well we have had one every year and I have been waiting to get a hold of Jason but he was out of town. Mayor Piskura advised I think last year the problem that we encountered with our attendance was that at the High School they were throwing the same type of party that we were at the same time and everybody went to theirs instead. Then I thought that when we were talking about that just kind of concluded that they are putting on a heck of a party up at the High School gymnasium for all the little kids. Member Kovach asked is that going to be on this year? Mayor Piskura answered I don't know. Chairman Smith stated Jason is actually our liaison with the schools, he is actually the schools coach too so at the same time. We will find out, like I said I need to get a hold of him and once I do I will find out. If we have to call a meeting to discuss it, would you guys be against coming up here maybe just call a special thing to discuss if we have to do something quick. We will find out if there is a conflict or if there is something going on. A couple of years ago, we had a couple good things that worked out real well. Member Kovach stated if not, maybe she is just planning something on the Christmas agenda. Chairman Smith stated that is something we are going to have to bring in here is on the Christmas thing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: Chairman Smith advised I have been getting the information myself. Has any of the information been getting forwarded to you guys from different things, I have got 3 different skate companies. Mayor Piskura answered I got some stuff. Chairman Smith advised I have told them to send to city hall and then have it disbursed. Mayor Piskura advised I have a little file on it actually. Member Kovach stated I haven't got anything recently. Chairman Smith advised I will get with Kay on that because that way you guys can get what I am getting. There is no sense in me getting that stuff. I am forwarding it for everybody. I just tell them to send to city hall and address it to Park Board members. Member Evans advised the only thing I want to bring up about skate parks and sort of put this in with that park since we have had 2 people bring that up recently. Does anybody think it might be a better idea for us to approach the Metro Parks about putting these 2 elements in the new park that borders 2 of our communities? Chairman Smith explained what we know that I can talk about and that we are all aware of is there is going to be a paved trail in there and that has always been said. So as far as the dog park, it would be something separate you know what I mean because the paved trail is part of their plans. It is just the time frame, the economy has pushed everything back now. I talked to him today, the economy is really pushing a lot of things back. They should have been through their project with Avon and then Avon's project now

is becoming next years project. Everything is falling behind because there is just no money but yes the paved trails are going in there right from the get-go – it is going to be a round thing. So the dog park would be separate but I do know that there is paved trail going in there. Member Evans advised I am just saying the skate park and the dog park with the idea that it is a park that 2 communities are going to have access to. The Metro Parks has a lot more money to spend then either one of the communities do under park systems. Chairman Smith stated yes they have a lot. Member Evans stated this is something that doesn't exist in any Metro Park at this point so it would be a new element for them also. Mayor Piskura stated I don't think it would hurt to ask. Chairman Smith stated be aware that the trails are all; usually accept - walking, bikes, skates. It is not like bike only or stuff like that.

Memorial Park: None.

Neighborhood Parks: Mayor Piskura advised we are talking about possibly taking down the water tower at Gary Green Park in the very near future. The price of steel went up and we can get it taken down right now where it would have costs about \$25,000.00 three months ago. Now we can get it taken down for free, I shouldn't say 100% free. We can get it taken down labor free and hauling free and everything, we just have to supply the crane for a day which I haven't priced it out but if the Park Board is – I don't know why you would be opposed to it? We are trying to get that down. We don't use it, we are going to have to spend money painting it and up-keeping it and we will never use it again. I kind of think it is silly if the price of steel is up high enough for us to get it down then I would rather just get it down.

Chairman Smith advised first of all it is not on park property. Mayor Piskura stated but it is over there. Chairman Smith stated we have always asked Council in the past if we could utilize that for parking, if that ever happened where the tower came down for Gary Green Park. It also is situated right there by the Lincoln Bike Trails – it goes right through between the park and the water department and stuff. Mayor Piskura stated I don't think anybody would have a problem with that, do you? Member Kovach answered no. Chairman Smith stated I would love to get it for parking. Mayor Piskura stated just so you know in the near future that that might come down. Member Kovach asked isn't that where the antennas are though? Mayor Piskura answered no, they are at Ferndale and because the tower is so close in the fact that we have already got it built at Ferndale, we have the ability to co-locate a number of tenants at Ferndale. We are going to keep Ferndale because it is earning us money and we can co-locate people there but at Gary Green Park that will never happen. Chairman Smith stated that is fine and I am all in favor, rip it down. Member Kovach joked just like downtown Cleveland, turn it into a parking lot. Chairman Smith stated we will need to put up bigger wind turbines. Member Kovach stated we are the only community that I know that has 2 beautiful water towers to the lake.

Lakefront Parks: None.

GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:

a.) *Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge* – Chairman Smith advised discussed above. Everything from what I understand and my conversations with Mr. Gardner in that he has looked at anything with us is things are tight, the recycle grant is gone. Mayor Piskura stated as far as grants, gifts and awards; as we speak funding is getting harder and harder to come by but the only thing that is in jeopardy that we had the works is the bathroom at the boat launch. We had been approved at the county level for a grant for 50 something - \$52,000.00 to the ODNR. Once we got approved by the county for \$25,000.00, we called the ODNR to secure that funding and told them we had been approved for \$25,000.00 so if you could see it in your heart just to approve the additional \$25,000.00 we are golden. The state did and the county reneged and now we are trying to go back to the state and try to get that reallocated/increased.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Evans submitted a 5-year plan and advised I have absolutely no priority in terms of anything that is on that. It is strictly me looking at our parks from a fresh perspective, what I would like to see done. I would like to have the rest of the Park Board members look it over, if we can come up with 5 things we can agree on to prioritize to go forward to the city with, if we can come with a plan for trying to fund the 5 things that we would like to prioritize – it is out there. Mayor Piskura advised first of all let me thank you because you put in a lot of work on this, it is very well thought out and I appreciate it. This is extremely helpful, instead of trying to think up everything on your own – to actually just have something to refer to and say okay this is next. My only comment would be that in the current master plan, there is a parks master plan and that we as a Park Board should talk about what currently is written and addressing what has been done and taking it out and molding it all into one document and I like the references to how much money you think everything is going to costs. If we put it into just the master plan period, when we get funded we can just knock things off on the list. Anyway that would be my 2 cents for now. But I will definitely take a look at it. Chairman Smith stated we did discuss that about the revisions of the parks plan. Mayor Piskura asked did you see the aerials and everything? Chairman Smith answered yes, it is a great job. Mayor Piskura concurred yes a really good job. Chairman Smith asked it was challenging for you wasn't it? Members Evans answered oh yea. Chairman Smith stated I want to say the same thing that John did – great job and it is tangible. Member Kovach stated actually as far as how fast the wheels of government move, you did this in light speed – this didn't take you a long time. Chairman Smith stated I just hope you just come out of this not hating me for my rough spots. The purpose Mike was this is kind of what I was trying to amplify and you have just come above and did a great job. It is tangible and I accept it, job well done and we review and will go from there.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Evans to adjourn at 8:44 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
Kay Fantauzzi

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Len Smith

and/or

ACTING CHAIRMAN
Steve Kovach

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is A true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Board Of September 21, 2009.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Richard Rosso