

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
November 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, November 16, 2009. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Smith, Kovach, Kempton

Absent: Fugate, Mayor Piskura (excused)

Attending: CVABA Team representatives, Water Department: Tom Erwin

Chairman Smith advised Michael Evans resignation was accepted by the Mayor.

*Motion by Kempton/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting as presented. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Scott Hodishell, Coach of the CVABA Baseball Team that you extended the permit to a prior meeting a few months back. I just wanted to give you guys an update, went out and looked at the field. It actually is in a lot better shape than what some of you guys had thought. The biggest concern was straightening the outfield fence. That is the one thing that needs done, whether it can be wedged or whatever needs to be done to straighten it so that there is no gaps underneath because it is leaning. The backstop is workable the way it is right now. We are still in the process of trying to find donations for the backstop but our biggest concern right now is the outfield fence to be straightened. 2 other items just to keep you updated which I don't remember if I spoke of this before but we are able to put Ferndale Park on our insurance policy for our Team, I am not sure right now if we are going with the million dollar or the 2 million dollar policy but we are only talking about a difference of about \$7 or \$10. So we will probably be able to go the higher one. Chairman Smith advised okay that is something you guys would do on you for your league? Mr. Hodishell advised yes that is for us because we have to ensure our Team. Chairman Smith advised you might want to talk to the Finance Director, just maybe give Tammy a call during the day – her name is Tammy Smith. Just let her know what your intentions are, she will be real helpful with it I am sure. Mr. Hodishell advised on the group that we are going through all we have to do is add the name of the park. Chairman Smith explained it is just like Guenther with soccer, the same thing. I mean there is nothing that we do, it is just you guys have the field and have the insurance so that you guys are covered but that way the city is aware and she is aware too. Mr. Hodishell explained the one last thing, we do have a sponsor or two

that have come through for us. We are hoping to have a few more but one of the things that I wanted to clear with you before I mention this to our sponsors was I wanted to get permission for if we make banners during our games if we can hang them from the outfield fence during the games so that the sponsors that donated money to us have their recognition and in turn what we are also doing is taking those to our away games but that wouldn't have anything to do with you guys. *Motion by Smith/Second by Kovach to accept the request to allow for signs to be hung on the fence at the Ferndale Park at the start of your season for games. Yeas All.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Chairman Smith advised the water tower is down. The bike trail, the paving was done on section 1 from Lake Road through the bridge down to about a 500 feet I believe and then they paved it and they paved the section from Ivanhoe to Ferndale – now it is all ready to be paved from Ivanhoe north to interconnect with the bridge where it stopped off over there. That schedule is tentative for 19th of November. Bill Gardner and I had a meeting with Dan Martin from Lorain County Metro Parks last week here at city hall and Bill had given Mr. Martin a tour of the city's bike trails and how things are coming out there and Mr. Martin was just affirming that the funding has slowed down a bit but they are still on for what they are doing over here on the new property which is where our trail is going to connect into. He also advised the grant structure for Mr. Gardner to target for to use on the second half of that which is going to be behind Ferndale Park to the Metro Parks. So we should be able to go after recreation trail money for that. I have not talked to John Hunter yet about what the schedule is on the Harris Road side from the tracks south to the schools but that is supposable in the works so we will continue to stay abreast of that.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. Kempton advised the kids Christmas party is December 12th/Saturday and time to be determined only for the simple fact of the Amvets Christmas party and the VFW. We just want to make sure that we don't run into the VFW and the Amvets. Tracy is working on that already and has everything set up/has the Community Center reserved and stuff like that. Chairman Smith advised if you feel that we need to have a meeting before that for anything, I doubt you will but just don't hesitate to call we can set something up. Mr. Kempton stated just to pass the word if anyone wants to help with the project or little kids projects or anything they are more then welcome to just show up there and talk to Tracy and she will give them a job.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: Chairman Smith advised I still have a bunch of information coming in from different manufacturers for some of the skate areas stuff and the equipment. I am yet to culminate it all into one big package and send it back over here to Kay for everybody else to have it. But it is like non-stop of different stuff.

Buoy's at Lakewood Beach Park (in the spring) – ADD.

Memorial Park: None.

Neighborhood Parks: Chairman Smith stated all can I say is that Jerry has done a great job keeping up things, things really really nice over there. I know he has been used for a lot of different things too but he is doing a great job, him and the other guy are doing a great job.

Lakefront Parks: Chairman Smith advised we still got some issues we got to resolve, growing pains I guess. But as far as everything is going it is working out real well. I know that the lake perch season is hitting real hard and everyone is down there and I also know that the Division of Watercraft was out last week looking at things, snooping around and it was packed. I was pretty happy with that. They were at Avon Lake's boat launch, didn't think I knew.

GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:

Chairman Smith advised Mr. Gardner had applied for bathrooms; a facilities grant for Phase II and the methodology has changed and they did not feel that we warranted and met the criteria to apply for funding for stage II just for the bathrooms. That was the money that was referred to that the County Commissioners had committed about \$25,000 towards \$50,000 to get the other balance I believe from the state. But what did come out of that was a recommendation by the Division of Watercraft for the grant or the fund source in which would give us that difference and from what I understand Bill has applied for that or is planning to apply for that and it is on park side of DNR. So we should be okay with that, hopefully we will go through that process but I don't believe that he has actually applied yet, I think that is something that the deadline is coming up and he is in the process of doing it. I also talked to the deputy director of the Division of Watercraft and he made about the same recommendation that there was park money available on the park side of DNR for that type of stuff that you could do and since those amenities are something that we need we are to keep working towards that.

a.) **Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge** – Chairman Smith asked have you guys been down there yet? Mr. Kempton answered oh yes, absolutely and I think it is going great. I took my kids on the bike trail and they love it and they have been on it I think 5 or 6 times. But even with the section that wasn't done, they had mountain bikes and they wanted to go through it so we went through it and I think it is going to be a great, great thing for this community. I really do. Chairman Smith advised it is just a small part. Mr. Kempton answered you are right, it is a small part but it is going to link a big thing. Chairman Smith stated one of the other things that was brought in discussion was the other trail that runs from Lincoln – the Lincoln bike trail possibilities too which is opening up some avenues. Although it doesn't exist but we have that right of way at the end of all those streets all the way through. So that is something to keep in mind that is down the road – you know from across Shell Cove, straight down to the baseball field facility which now will tie in into that whole thing. Yes, Joe did a great job having that done under the bridge is real nice too where it comes up into there. I saw a family going through there, a lady with a bike

with a pull along trailer with an infant and then 2 kids. Mr. Kempton stated I saw Mr. Graves down there one day, him and a kid. Chairman Smith stated that is good, it is better then seeing them riding down Lake Road.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Kempton stated on looking at the basketball courts, I know it was brought up a while ago at Guenther and Gary Green there. Just trying to put those poles in place. I know you and I talked off line and I talked to Joe about trying to get something done but I would like to see if we can't. Chairman Smith added do it before the ground starts freezing and moving. Mr. Kempton stated or take them down and look at putting new poles up and new back boards. I know it is a costs but maybe there is something we can do, you know just one at a time even. Chairman Smith stated why don't we talk to Joe about that because he schedules the back-hoe with the Service Department, we have to utilize their time. The Water Department has been a big help to us too, let's not forget all the help that the Water Department has given us – hosing off the duck stuff down at the boat launch and the geese remains and everything else. They have been a big, big help to us. There is a lot of people that take a lot of pride in this city and it shows and Tom you are one of them. There was a brief discussion on issue which the Board will take to Service Director Arendt. Mr. Erwin advised of a marker (red and white) that is floating around in the lake straight out from Jordan's. There was a brief discussion.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kempton/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 8:27 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 November 16, 2009.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Edward R Podmanik

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Richard Rosso