

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
March 18, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, March 18, 2013. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Lewis, Albaugh, Kovach, Farris, Mayor Bring, Service Director Smith

Absent: Kustra (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Farris to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2013 meeting as presented. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS: Park Superintendent Smith advised I only have a few things tonight. We will be getting in the boat launch very shortly with the excavator. We have some issues that we wanted to make sure that we were good to go. Preparations are being made for that sand operation which we will be conducting soon. Ferndale Park – there is stormwater being BMP that has been put in place. We are in the process, we ripped the fence out and put in 500 feet of drainage ditch and are currently using it for fill. We are going to raise the elevation like we talked about, we got the dozer down there and at the same time we are going through with the road and ripping it up, grading it and putting some grindings down. Then we will compact that and that should give us at least until the construction period for the bike trail.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: Mayor Bring advised we are going to look at that probably in another month or so.

Memorial Parks: Mayor Bring advised I talked to Dan; the Commander at Amvets the other day and again we are probably a week off before we get over there and he said the same thing why don't we wait until this weather breaks. I would anticipate that in April. I was hoping to do it next week but it doesn't seem like next week is going to be very good either.

Neighborhood Parks: Park Superintendent Smith advised I do have Ferndale I baseball diamond permitted throughout the summer on 2 separate dates. I don't have that exact schedule so if any other people need to check and confirm about the permitting for it – they need to go through the city. Chairman Lewis advised on the soccer fields – I have not anything back from him so I don't know what his plans are.

Park Superintendent Smith advised I did talk to Jonathan Wright and he was going to get with David and discuss a few things. I don't know if that has transpired or not. Just so you know Ferndale's elevation at Ferndale II was so low that when it rained all the water in the park drained to Ferndale II and it would just sit there. Even going into July and August sometimes you still couldn't enter parts of that field because it was so soaked. Very rarely and it has been getting worse year after year after year. Just to raise that whole elevation up where we can make it useful again is what we got to do. We have enough dirt, just look around the Water Department.

Lakefront Parks: discussed above. Park Superintendent Smith added the one breakwall; the water level is down so low even during Hurricane Sandy. West Shore the waves were hardly touching the wall and there were 1-foot waves rolling in because of how shallow it is in that area. They were hardly touching the wall over there at the Community Center. Unfortunately the boat launch wasn't the same, the wind direction was just right and it just literally filled the launch with sand. It did almost all the boat launches and jetty's along the southern shore. The wave and wind directions were perfect for filling it with sand. We got a good handle on it, I think we will be making great progress. The sand has got to go into only 3 areas that were included with the grant. Those are next to it on the beach, Lakewood Beach Park, actually Mizpah – 4 but we don't use Mizpah and then behind the Community Center. That was included into the procedures for the sand when we applied for the grant.

GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:

- a.) **Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge** – Park Superintendent Smith advised for 2013 we have a 2900 lineal feet of 8-foot paved asphalt bike trail going in and that will be our cursor through Ferndale and around Ferndale there. The exact location as far as what was submitted in the grant we are trying to figure out. We have got a good idea by measuring it out, we have actually done on site measurements with actually the city engineer because it does have to be engineered to a certain point. We will do it in house but not like we would do like a road project. It will cross through the woods, cross the ditch and then run the ditch to the Sheffield Lake reservation or at least to a point across the street on Idlewood from the Metro Park reservation. Exactly how we are going to do that we are up in the air with a couple of ways. We know what we are going to do through the park but when we get down towards Idlewood we don't know if we are going to come out of the north side or not. I don't believe we have enough room to do that. So most probably we will end up with some surplus trail in and around Ferndale and on Ferndale Park. I will keep you guys abreast as things move along here knowing what we are going to do but getting the next connector in is the big part and that will be through Allen Court north from Ferndale where the bike trail ends now and through the woods and across

the ditch and then eastward. That won't be 5-feet of concrete either, it will be 8-feet of asphalt. There is some little other issues; the covered bridge isn't on park property but it is used in conjunction with the parks. We are going to spruce that up, give it more of a park like theme as soon as the weather breaks. Chairman Lewis asked that tree down there by the bridge, did they ever get it out? Park Superintendent Smith answered we are making arrangements to remove the tree.

NEW BUSINESS: Park Superintendent Smith advised one of the things that we did during the Speedway demolition, the Mayor had a great idea – that fence that divided the blue house from Speedway. We dug it up and salvaged it and Speedway gave it to the city. We are going to use that for the south end of the parking lot at Guenther in the area where we have the separation that we need with the private owners. He advised where they are being stored and the plans for clearing area with the new piece of equipment.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Albaugh to adjourn at 7:14 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

James Lewis

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 Park Board Of March 18, 2013.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Eric S Elliott