

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
July 15, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, July 15, 2013. Acting Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Lewis, Kovach, Farris, Kustra, Mayor Bring

Attending: Albaugh, Service Director Smith

*Motion by Kustra/Second by Farris to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS: Mayor Bring advised Service Director Smith did not forward anything for the Board. I think everything is status quo right now. We are having a fund raiser in August for Erie Shore Outfitters – the owner of that establishment. His brother passed away of a heart attack and they are going to have about 200 fishing boats down at the boat launch and that is going to be quite an event. There will be a fishing tournament and they will be using the boat launch for that. I will have Pat go down and check on the sand down there. I am going to get together with Jonathan Wright and have him get with Debbie Sauris and they are going to do some kind of pictures for the levy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: None.

Memorial Parks: None.

Neighborhood Parks: None.

Lakefront Parks: None.

GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:

Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge – Mayor Bring advised the bike trail which is a federal grant, we have to follow all of the federal laws and by-laws. We have a gentleman looking into that and it is a 52-page document that we have to fill out. Unfortunately because it is all federal money, that all has to be followed. So he is working on that; taking information, taking pictures, etc. It is very, very extensive work and we can't seem to get around that. It is still going to pretty much happen as far as getting all this paperwork filed and get it going. We have about a 200 foot area that has a concern where it goes to the woods that is anywhere near wetland area,

other than that everything is fine but we still have to fill all that paperwork out. David Graves is on vacation this week too, he will be off for a week.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Kovach advised I have got one question, I am going to hit this same area tomorrow night because during the carnival again it has come up well we are probably not going to be there because the city is putting one in the fall and that is going to replace it. Why don't you just give a brief on-going's of what we hope to transpire and become a little bit more like communities and have 1 festival either in the spring or summer and 1 in the fall. Vermilion can have a Fish Festival and a Wholly Bear Festival and they seem to both go off. Mayor Bring advised it is just going to be a Fall Festival, there is going to be some crafts there and we are trying to get some of the local businesses to come down so they have a chance to be seen. It is totally different from what we have now. The carnival that we have now is not going to go away as long as everything works out with the shopping center, etc. This is a totally different format, this is not trying to take over anything. This is more to get some of the businesses out there so people see them and also to attract other businesses and set up booths and do some crafts. I know Erie Shore Outfitters is one of the ones that are participating in this. Member Kovach asked so your format is going to be on the line of a bazaar or flea market type? Mayor Bring answered it will be a higher end type thing. They might have wine tasting, etc. Member Kovach stated I understand – it is not going to be an amusement type thing. Mayor Bring stated they were talking about having some rides but I think it is going to be very low scale. Member Kovach stated like what they had at Port Fest where you had a half dozen small kids rides – that type of thing? Mayor Bring answered right. I will probably get all of the information from those 2 ladies; that is a mother/daughter that are running it. I will continue to report on that, the intention is just to have 2 festivals. We have that shopping center, why not use it. There is some other ideas about using it for more of those types of activities so people can enjoy it instead of letting it be half empty all of the time. That is the same thing with that fishing tournament, you got all these people coming from out of town to come to our place. We want people coming from out of town to spend money in our city. Obviously we want that but we don't all this money coming out of their pockets, we want coming from other people. So that is the idea. Chairman Lewis advised I am glad to see a fishing tournament because it is ashamed to have a dock out there and not be able to use it for that. Mayor Bring advised also at the boat launch coming up there is going to be a group coming up to do kayaking classes to show up how to get in kayaks. I think that is going to be here in the next 2 or 3 weeks and the girl that is doing that works over at Ohio Canoe Adventure – Stephanie. Her and her boyfriend are going to use the boat launch for that too, so that is kind of stuff we have going. Nothing that would take over anything else. Member Kovach advised working together, this is the kind of word you want to get out there. You got people out there talking, either misinformed or get bad ideas

out there or promote less than accurate information. Mayor Bring advised I had several people coming up to me about Community Days being canceled and I said no Community Days were never being canceled but we had mentioned something about the fireworks but the Civic Counsel stepped up and paid for those things and that is still going and they band for the band. I still kept hearing people saying no it is canceled and I kept saying no. Member Kovach advised they walked up to the Boy Scout trailer the one night and one of them came up to me all doom and gloom saying is that true that we are not going to be able to do this next year and I said what are you talking about. They said well somebody came up to us and said there is not going to be. Mayor Bring stated the rumors going around are just incredible. Member Kovach advised I think the best thing I think to do is get it out on our public record. Mayor Bring stated that nobody pays attention to. Member Kovach said but at least in our minutes and will be available on line and if they want to spread it through the LorainCounty.com after that then so be it. Member Kustra asked are there dates for the fall fest? Mayor Bring answered yes we have those coming up and we are going to have flyers for all that. They are still working on some of the people that they inviting into it. I will get dates and times and everything else. Resident Gee stated the people on line there is already a flyer with dates and the times and there is a phone number to call if people want to be added as a vendor.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kustra/Second by Farris to adjourn at 7:13 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 July 15, 2013.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM

Eric S Elliott