

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, January 13, 2014. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Service Director Smith (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

*Motion by Kustra/Second by Albaugh to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE:None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Mayor Bring advised Jonathan Wright who has been here several times stopped in and talked to me. We had a conversation about the parks the other day, he is moving forward in doing some design work for the parks that we have. We talked about doing equipment, pavilions and several other things. I actually have a meeting with him tomorrow morning to kind of go over everything and this is in anticipation of hopefully the levy passing and even without that, we still need to look into how to upgrade the parks for the kids and actually the public in our community so that we can have better use of that. So that is what he is doing and I didn't know if he was going to be here tonight or anything but I wanted to run that by you so you are all kind of up on this. So at the next meeting, I will probably have him do a presentation and bring that forward to you. Again, he is putting a tremendous amount of work into this. Chairman Lewis asked which parks is he talking about? Mayor Bring answered we were talking about Community Park, Guenther Park, Freedom Park and Gary Green Park. At Gary Green Park we were talking about still doing something as some type of a skate park but something in the design of what Bay Village has over there with the concrete. So he is looking into that. Also upgrading children's playground equipment and/or pavilions so that you can have picnics there and have the cover so that people can start to enjoy the parks even more.

Chairman Lewis asked on the Recreation Director? Member Kovach answered Debbie Suarez is working on that. I had suggested that this would be the Board to make a monthly appearance at or as she was progressing where she was going with that. Possibly with the holidays she may need another 4 good weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: None.

Memorial Parks: Member Kovach asked any headway yet at this point with Memorial Park? Mayor Bring answered no because we were kind of waiting to see what happens. I will probably approach the Post 55 and the other one and find out what they want to do too. I know that they were anxious to do something last year but with everything that happened right there just got a little bit overwhelming.

Neighborhood Parks: None.

Lakefront Parks: Chairman Lewis asked do we know when we are going to pull the docks out? Mayor Bring answered there is no freezing or anything right now. We will see, we have another 3 or 4 weeks before everything gets bad.

GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:

Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge –Mayor Bring advised we did receive our grant and we are going to move forward with that. Our Service Department Pat Hastings is aware of that and we are going to start clearing that when the weather is appropriate. There is a small little bridge we have to build which is not your typical bridge; it is just over an area that is basically part of the wetlands where there is some water in that are so they said that we could put a small bridge over that to accommodate the path so that we would not interrupt any amphibious life that is in there. That water is probably in there maybe 20 to 30 days out of the year but we have to comply with what they said so that is what we are going to do. Honestly it is kind of nice because you have the bike path with the bridge. We were making suggestions of possibly when this is going on if somebody wanted to start putting plaques in memory of their loved ones or plant an ornamental tree of some sort or do that along the bike trail I think that would be a nice for aesthetics and also nice for if people wanted to have their loved ones remembered. So that is something we have been talking about but we have to have that bike path done by June 14, 2014. Don't hold me to that date but I just know it is right around there. Chairman Lewis asked doesn't the state have trees you can get for free? Mayor Bring answered I think they do but this would be memorial tree; a 6 foot ornamental tree of some sort or whatever you would like put there. I would think that some type of blossoming tree especially in the spring time would really set the bike trail off. Also talking about doing by the covered bridge, there was a picnic table that we had in the old drive-thru and we put that together and stuck that out there but we are going to address that too. If we can get volunteers to kind of get the front of that all laid out, we are going to put some more dirt there and even that all out. Then put some more picnic tables and/or ornamental trees in there. Also talking about taking the north side of the bridge where the creek is there and straightening that out and putting those concrete barriers like we have for our salt dome and bringing that up and making that nice and straight there and then level the dirt off over there. That will make that a little bit nicer and then people can sit there and enjoy that too. I think also, we were talking about for

wedding and stuff if someone wants to take pictures. We are talking about a couple of coach lights in the front and a couple in the back with green lights in front and red lights in the back. That is very inexpensive, we are looking into doing that now. Then possibly putting flower boxes on the covered bridge and having somebody look at that. Maybe hanging geraniums so that it comes down with flowers and stuff. We have high aspirations so we will see if we can bring that together but there are people talking about that and I think that would be a great idea. Everyone wants to keep a positive attitude and see the community do well. I think the extension of the bike path, there is so many people that use it now. I think this is just going to enhance that and it will connect to the Safeway to School. It will be nice. Chairman Lewis asked do we have some businesses that might be able to donate some money. Mayor Bring answered we are going to approach all of them. The women were talking about doing some kind of contest, as far as doing some decorations or stuff like that. Jonathan was also proposing possibly a new basketball court and some other stuff because the one we have now the court is kind of falling apart over there at Guenther and maybe relocating that and putting better stanches up for the basket balls too. The kids were using that but it is kind of far down there though.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Megan Detts, resident of Sheffield Village stated I had said that I would help with a committee to put together like arts and crafts for the summer for the kids. Member Kovach advised that is what we were just discussing a few moments ago – Ms. Suarez? Mrs. Detts stated that is what I was thinking. Member Kovach explained she is the un-proclaimed Chair of that, so yes you are. Mrs. Detts stated she had sent me a message asking me if I would put together a flyer and she is going to meet with me to present to the schools to see if we can get some volunteers. I actually have like 4 friends that I just texted today and they said that they will come to the next meeting to help and they are really excited to help too. But I wasn't sure if this was the right place to be. Member Kovach advised this meeting is the third Monday of every month, it was moved this month because of the holiday next Monday.

Mr. Kustra advised I was approached by a lady along our shopping strip if it would be a big deal to have overhead music or speakers; it that an expensive? Mayor Bring answered yes it is very. Actually even if you do have that, there is royalties of who you play the music for and if somebody would come along and if we were playing a radio station without being taped or something like that, we would to pay royalties to that. Only because we had a business one time and were playing that and we had somebody approach us and chastise us for doing that and they wanted all this money so I unplugged it.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kustra/Second by Farris to adjourn at 7:15 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 January 13, 2014.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Alan Smith