

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
April 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, April 21, 2014. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Lewis, Kovach, Kustra, Mayor Bring, Service Director Smith

Absent: Farris and Albaugh (excused)

Attending: Jonathan Wright, Concerned Citizens

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Kustra to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

***Debbie Suarez; summer recreation program*** – Chairman Lewis advised she has it all set up.

***Councilman Kerry McCullough*** – Councilman Kovach advised he had spoken with him and he did offer 2 nights that he has available to consider which is Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. That would be weather permitting and I think what he would like to do and I think he has talked to you Len. Service Director Smith stated he spoke to me in Apples about it and he is all gun-ho about it. Councilman Kovach stated do you think we could get this in our water bill or is it too late for that for this month? Service Director Smith stated there is no formal dates or anything that were done. Councilman Kovach stated if we can an approval on the 27<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. Service Director Smith advised we will give it our best shot if we can pull it off. Councilman Kovach stated he was hoping for the May water bill just so we could possibly have it out before the election if that is possible and if it is not possible. Service Director Smith advised it is going to close, I don't know what the actual close date is. Councilman Kovach stated there are 3 movies that are going to be family oriented and like I say the only thing that would stop it would be weather. Both these dates are Friday nights. Service Director Smith stated he said he has got the equipment and he can do it and he wants to do it. Chairman Lewis asked which park is he going to do it in? Councilman Kovach answered we have options, we could try and show it off the side of the Apples building because there is power there or we could do it in any park that is readily available on those Friday nights and we can bring generators. He has a generator that he can bring so it is kind of up to – it is wide open. \*Motion by Kovach/Second by Kustra to tentatively set up Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> for the showing of 2 family style movies in one of our parks to be announced later. Yeas All.

Recreational/Summer equipment packet – Park Superintendent Smith advised I haven't gone through it yet but will advise.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Mrs. Lisa Prokay, 765 Lafayette** stated one of the things that I have brought up at Council meetings is the movies in the Parks and they said this was something that they have already considering. I notice that on the agenda tonight under old business; designated skate areas. So I was hoping to target an older teenage group that seems to be lost in Sheffield Lake, we seem to have enough programs or that kind of thing and even the library for the younger children but something to target upper/middle school to high school to give them something to do besides causing trouble or getting in trouble. So just types of programs, setting up some kind of a picnic area that we could have an annual cookout – that kind of thing. Things that we can put together to bring the community together. That is what I was hoping to see happen and in whatever way that I can help to move that along or share ideas. Councilman Kovach asked are we going to be doing anything in the fall or could we do something in the fall like that picnic type thing had had in the past. On that line and maybe that would give a venue/direction that she can shoot at. Mayor Bring stated yes I guess we could and get a hold of those 2 ladies and see if we could do that but she like she is saying on cookouts and stuff. Councilman Kovach stated I am not talking about Fall Festival, I am talking about how we set up that Saturday up at the Center where we had brought Lolly the Trolley the one time and Dunkle the one time. I don't think that really costs us anything so that would be right up our alley that way. Service Director Smith stated like a city open house day or something like that. Mayor Bring stated we haven't it in a while. We had hot dogs and hamburgers and stuff like that. Service Director Smith stated it was a big success when we did it. Mrs. Prokay advised maybe we could get some donations from the super market; Apples. Councilman Kovach advised like I say it was a low costs. Mayor Bring stated if we are going to do it down at the Civic Center it would be nice if we did it during the summer so that the lake would be warm and it would nice to enjoy that. If we are going to do it we should plan like July or something and I know that Community Days are right around that area. We probably should look at that later on in July or beginning of August. Councilman Kovach stated maybe lean toward August 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Prokay stated what about a Labor Day celebration? Councilman Kovach stated that is like your last weekend can get away even though now a days school is starting the week before. There was a brief discussion on proposal.

**Jonathan Wright, 788 Idlewood** advised what I just handed to everybody is a little flyer that I had drafted, back in the December meeting I stood here and we talked about issue#23 coming up and the possibility of mixing in park equipment with it. At that time I was ignorant of what issue#23 was really going to be about and how critical it was and what it needed to support and that kind of thing. So I think I was a little premature in what I was talking about then so at any rate we talked about that. I

had a couple of meetings; one with the Mayor and one with the Finance Director Mrs. Smith and we talked about to do this and how to make this work and I ended up presenting to city Council and what I found was because of what the nature of issue#23 is and the general funds it needs to supplement; the Police and Fire Forces. Basically nobody from the city really wanted to stand behind this as it is right now because it comes off as a promise which can't necessarily be delivered which I understand. After a brief discussion of proposal, Mr. Wright proposed to put a tax levy strictly for park equipment so it would have a life cycle; begin at a certain date and end at a certain date. So the community would understand and know that you will pay this tax for 3 or 5 years and at that time it will come off and the tax would pay for this equipment; basically in 4 different parks we talked about. Initially about playgrounds at Guenther, Freedom and Ferndale. We talked about the skate plaza at Gary Green and we talked about pavilions at all 4. When I did present to Council there was a lot of support from them for something like this and I think everybody would like to see our parks improve. We put together numbers conservatively, meaning for all this equipment in all 4 of those parks plus a maintenance endowment. This equipment that would ultimately be proposed to the community with a tax levy is as maintenance free as possible. So with all that equipment and an endowment for maintenance it was \$750,000.00. I haven't done the math but I think if you broke that up amongst all tax payers over 3 to 5 years I think you could in a sense sell a tax levy and it looks like it would be a pretty minimal cost. Councilman Kovach stated it is probably the only way I am going to get something like this done but hopefully this issue#23 passes but it is going to have to settle. There was a brief discussion.

***PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Designated Skate Areas: None.***

***Memorial Parks:***

***Neighborhood Parks: None.***

***Lakefront Parks:***

***GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:***

***Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge –***

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY:**

**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

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*James Lewis*

*and/or*

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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 April 21, 2014.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*

*and/or*

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Alan Smith*