

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
September 22, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, September 22, 2014. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Lewis, Kovach, Kustra, Albaugh, Mayor Bring, Service Director Smith  
Absent: Farris (excused)  
Attending: Concerned Citizens, Northcoast Community Woodshop; Gerry Vogel and Ed Halloran

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Kustra to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting with any corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: Northcoast Community Woodshop –**

**Gerry Vogel, 32560 Surrey Lane, Avon Lake** advised I am here along with my esteemed colleague and President of the Woodshop Ed Halloran to talk about working together with the city in Sheffield Lake's Rec Program to enhance what you have to offer and to hopefully help us to grow as well. Mayor Bring advised from what I have been hearing is you guys offer the memberships to go in there but a lot of people want little things fixed and they were wondering if they can come down and do that. Mr. Vogel answered a lot of them have been. Mayor Bring advised I have probably had a dozen people ask me that and I tell them there is a membership and I know you do it yourself but they will allow and teach you how to do things but I don't know that you can just drop off and they physically do stuff for you. **Edward Halloran, 6383 Brighton Drive, North Olmsted** advised what I tell people with that is the purpose of our club is to one have a shop and be it to teach or share our knowledge. There is all kinds of things that you can get into with liabilities and things like that with doing repairs and that is really not what our charter is and what we are about. So we have done a few things here and there and we haven't charged anybody anything for the repairs as what I have said is if you care to make a donation great but if not don't. The thing with that is we need memberships as the shop is there for us to come in and build the things that we want to build so for us to get set in for doing repairs there has to be somebody there that wants to do it. So you want drop something off and it might sit there for 6 months because that is not what any one is comfortable with doing and we are not sit up for that. Mr. Vogel advised it is not like dry cleaning or something. Mr. Halloran continued if you come in with something broken off and it just needs to be glued back together and it takes a couple of minutes

we will be happy to do it. But I don't want to get into something where we are a furniture business. There is a place in Westlake that does that, they repair furniture. I was just actually in there today because I turned a spindle for them that they needed because they don't do turning. But our main thing is to – what I would tell you is that I would be happy to do this for you or I would be happy to sell you like one of our cutting boards or something like that but what I would rather do is have you come in and join and maybe teach you build your own because that is where satisfaction comes from. Mr. Vogel advised we do understand not everybody wants to learn to fish, they just want the fish. Mayor Bring advised all these people keep asking and at least now I can tell them this is how it works and they are not into having someone pay them and do this stuff. Mr. Halloran stated there might be a member that does, you know if they want to do their own little side thing so if they want to come by and ask. Member Kovach asked how many more people do you need to make your viable? Mr. Halloran answered probably in the mid 30's and again it varies because Sheffield residents get a \$50.00 discount. So if we had 20 new Sheffield members we still might be a couple short of what we need but we have been supplementing with other things; doing the craft shows and stuff like that. But my goal is I would like a minimum of 52 members because that would cover all expenses and then if we did anything extra that would go into getting nicer equipment which would hopefully draw more members and that. Member Kovach stated I think we have to somehow come up as some kind of an advertising scheme for you guys because we do get questions. There is people saying well we didn't know they are here. Mr. Halloran stated that has been our focus this year is to try and get our name out – that is why we went to the duct tape festival and handed out 300 to 400 brochures which we both forgot to bring tonight. We have a couple new members that are really skilled on the social media side – they are really into that and they have really updated the website and we are very active on the Facebook page plus the couple of members that I know that are very active in other things and they name drop all the time. There is a couple of other things coming up in the near future that will hopefully give us some publicity. Member Kovach stated I am just on this side here, I think there is enough interest where we could probably get another handful. What I have heard is well I didn't even know that they are here. We have this web page of people complaining about the stuff that is either behind that building or the one next to it when it is really some products or some stuff that is going on. What do you think about putting it up on the board? Mayor Bring answered we could but what I am going to do here in the next couple of weeks as we have our city website going I am going to go down and take some pictures of it and put that on our website because I am going to do that with a few of the other businesses and stuff and then we will put the phone numbers and stuff on it too. That way if people do come onto our website even though they have their own but they will at least see that and promote that also. Mr. Vogel stated there are a lot of avenues to getting our name out there but a lot of that that we have

found, it is really is that everybody is so darn busy and you will take to somebody like I have been in contact with somebody like the guidance counselor at Brookside who is enthusiastic about it. I have heard that the Art Class would paint nice lettering and signs in our windows, we have lots of windows and that would help and give them something to do. It would be great if these students who are in shop classes realize that they have to place to work when school is over. We are trying to approach in Avon Lake too because we kind of started off there, it was a friendlier climate for what we wanted to do. There is people in Avon Lake that still think that we are working on a shop there so we are kind of invisible there as well. Mr. Halloran stated Gerry and I did a TV show. Mr. Vogel advised it was Jan and Jean on the scene, it is a community cable TV show. Mr. Halloran advised we have been in the newspaper and have been very active with the Boy Scouts and stuff like that. We have had a couple troops in and we have worked on Eagle Scout projects, so we are trying to do as much as we can because that is the kind of stuff we want to do anyway. Mayor Bring asked what about soap box derby things for the little kids and stuff like that? Mr. Halloran answered the pine wood, yes we have had 2 troops come in and we will open up the shop to any scout troops; Boy or Girl any of those that want to build something like that. Service Director Smith advised when I first talked to Gerry, you had mentioned that you wanted to get with the Park Board to develop a Rec Program; some Rec style classes or something like that? Mr. Vogel answered yes and here is the other thing because people ask us hey can you fix stuff and then the next thing they ask us is do you have classes because a lot of the people in the shop – a certain amount of them already know that we work and learn from each other by doing stuff. We also have a lot of people who would probably like to sign up but they don't know if they will get much out of it because they are still feeling a little bit "saw shy" or something like that and then there is also the casual people that were interested with woodworking but just want to try it out without a big commitment. So we have been tossing around ideas for months about regular classes to do and the problem is like my day job is a Librarian and people ask everyday what about more computer classes and I tell them well people tell us we want computer classes and we throw it and nobody shows up for it. It is a good idea but nobody wants to do. So that is the thing about the woodworking classes, a lot of work goes into to preparing this stuff. I actually did a very successful class recently with a few people at the Avon Lake Library where people got make cutting boards. It was a small group and we had prepared everything ahead of time and with some help we got some things in making them that weren't half bad looking. But it is stuff for beginners, stuff for people who had some experience but want to grow. A lot of stuff that we have done in the shop too is project based, where say we are going to do a project so who is in – the shop buys the materials and people meet to work on it together and learn from each other. So that is an on-going thing but you can also have something like you want to come in and learn how to turn a bowl and you have a couple of hours and you have a

couple of dollars – let's do that because we have lathes so we can do that. So with all these ideas churning around and maybe with some of the promotion marketing and other such things that Sheffield Lake enjoys here within the community. I admit a lot of us because we don't live here, we don't know it as well as you folks who do. I guess that is what we are looking for, some help to benefit not only the community but get more people into our shop and see what we are about. I guess what could we come up with that would be mutually beneficial, would be the bottom line. Mayor Bring stated I think if you could get us some flyers and stuff we could put them around town and start putting them up in some of the stores. We would have them at City Hall and the Civic Center where we get a lot of activity over there. Member Kovach asked what about the Library? Mayor Bring answered I don't know if the Library would be okay with it. Mr. Halloran advised I approached Lorain's PR person – Megan who I sent several months ago a whole bunch of stuff. Service Director Smith asked what percentage of your membership is seniors? Mr. Vogel answered about a third maybe a little more. Service Director Smith advised recently on a quest of mine with some of the senior issues that we have at the Civic Center with the Office on Aging there. We kind of discovered that there were some; the people here that work in Sheffield Lake work only in the food program, they don't work in the benefits program. So I went on search through the whole county of which agencies had seniors involved that could offer services for seniors and low and behold I found out that the Lorain Senior Center which is just down the street over here off of Root Road actually offers memberships to Sheffield Lake seniors and no one ever knew that before unless you were there. They treat it just as if you are a City of Lorain resident and you are entitled to all those benefits but they have a very large group of seniors that are always looking for activities and that might be an avenue that you guys might want to explore because as with them it would still pay for instance like if someone would need a ride to a grocery store. They still pay one way there and one way back but that is at least an avenue for them but they have all these different seniors who are members and most of them don't work. It is just a thought but that is something that kind of got lost in the fold over there. Mayor Bring advised the other thing is when you guys opened up you had a grand opening and stuff and a lot of people didn't know you were there but now that you are more established and having been doing this maybe we should have another opening. Mr. Halloran stated we have had 3 scheduled and just not enough people available to put it together. Not that people didn't show up but just the membership. It is like any group, we have 30 or 40 people but we got 10 people doing all the work and even with the best standards across the board and I can tell you as one of those 10 that we kind of got really burned out this summer. As I was talking to Gerry this morning, I have built tons of stuff for the cutting boards and held a class on that and I haven't built a thing for my house. I got the boss to report to at home that was wondering why our TV is still sitting on a coffee table because when I went out and bought the big screen

TV I promised a nice place for it to go. The same thing happened with Mark he wanted to build that whole front desk and we had other needed things for the shop but you have to do something for yourself because that is why we are there. So that is kind of what happened and it was summer time also, everyone gets busy with summer and we are hoping things will pick back up now that the weather is starting to cool off. Mr. Vogel stated I guess it is just a slow start in time so it doesn't matter what you put out there and we could spend thousands of dollars on PR and maybe get 5 more members out of it or we might get 5 members anyway. It is not just that we need your cash, it is also we need your hands, eyes and brain and ideas – all these things make it better and make new things happen. So more people to kind of do some of these things that ought to be done but maybe I should do it instead of somebody ought to do it. Mayor Bring advised we have a Council meeting tomorrow night and I will mention it during Council. Mr. Halloran stated membership is \$250.00 a year and that includes use of the shop and all of the machines. The only requirement is we have a safety training class to get you kind of up to speed on how these machines work. It is not training specifically on how the machines work but how to be safe and some woodworking common sense – things that a lot of people wouldn't know. For Sheffield Lake residents, they get a \$50.00 discount it is \$200.00 a year. Mr. Vogel stated may I add to that the safety is part of the whole thing too because you can do whatever you want in your own shop and maybe get yourself mutilated or something but we want to make sure people do **not** get hurt whatsoever. So we have committed that not only do you go through the same training but if you play by the rules so one of our main rules is that you do not use power tools if you are in there by yourself. That is why we also have our members, our staffing jobs and we ask them to volunteer for 1 or 2 shifts a month so we can be open and people can work on things but I will tell you sometimes we have a hard time trying to get people to do that. Member Kustra stated St. Anthony Church in Lorain also has a very active senior organization there, so you might want to talk to them too. Mr. Halloran stated one of the things we wanted to do and again we just run short on people was to put together some kind of flyer. If you look on our banner – it says community and we would like to go into the church or some other establishment like that and say do you have some little something – you know I am not going to build a whole entertainment center for you or something like that but if you have a little something that needs repair or something like that we would be more than willing to help out at no charge and hopefully they will get up and say hey because of this this is done now because of these people and maybe we can get some cliental – so that is one of the ideas. Member Kovach stated one of your classes could be to teach them how to make that piece of furniture that is supposed to be sitting underneath your TV. Mr. Vogel stated that is a good idea. Mr. Halloran stated I have a friend of mine that wants a little small table so that is my next thing that I have to do. It is a day's worth of work and I was hopefully going to turn that into a class. That is one of the things about the

cutting board and the reason I like to do a cutting board class is because it is simple and quick but it is a good foundation. If you can make a cutting board, that is no different than a table top so if you can learn to do that then you can learn to make a table or most of a table and expand from there. As a matter of fact I even emailed Gerry, I had 3-prong for framing; one was formal classes that you have to pay for, two is pick a project that you want to build – a simple one and if you no nothing about woodworking talk to us and those who know what they are doing will help you get there and then as you are there. Honestly when there is a lot of people there we almost go overboard helping others. We are like there more to help others then we are to work on our own stuff sometimes. So it will get done and then the last was I was wanting to do like a guaranteed once a month working fundamentals; first month we are going to cover this and we will add classes and hopefully some of the other experienced woodworkers. So one person wasn't dedicated to every first Saturday of every month or whatever and then they can kind of teach their specialty. I took this in High School and I have been doing it again for like 10 or 12 years and that first day when we glued up that board I was sitting there looking at Mark and I hadn't met him and I was like what is this person doing. Then when I saw what he was doing I was like oh man I wish I had done that and I have been doing this for 10 years so I can learn from Mark and the other thing that really helps is that, I mean what I do is develop curriculum for our software and when I would go in to teach the software what I would learn the most from are the people that had absolutely no experience because they ask questions differently than someone who kind of knows what is going on. Member Kovach stated I have been trying since July to get someone in here and I was really hoping that even if you were only available for a day or two during Community Days being in the shopping center which is the location that you are in. But I know it just did not pan out and I understand that 100%. Mr. Vogel stated I wish we could have been there too. Member Kovach stated just because you are on site and the building is right there we would have had a captive audience for you for free. Mr. Vogel advised I echo a lot of what Ed feels about this organization, I am involved and like I said I am a Librarian and my main interest is that I have noticed that people learn a lot of things by doing them, not just by reading them but being a part of that. I think we are losing a lot of that in our world but people don't know how to even fix basic things but also there is this lack of pride of – I made this, I can do this. People are intimidated and aren't doing it because they think it is really hard when it is really easy to start with some simple things like this and take some pride in it. I think that is just helps people grow intellectually and socially more than a lot of other things. Mr. Halloran stated to really illustrate that is I did training at Polaris over the summer, I did their camp and for some reason when the people asked me to do it I said sure. So I developed a program and we made pizza peals and cutting boards and I developed it for High School kids and the day I showed up it was a camp for 12 year olds and I took 4 – 12 year olds; 1 with Down Syndrome and we went

back there and in 2 hours a day for 5 straight days every single kid did at least 75% of the work on their board and they each made either a cutting board or a pizza peel and they all walked out with a finished product on Friday. I got to tell you I was almost in tears, that kid with the Down Syndrome we cut his out and he had a whale and if I can teach that to a 12 year old then adults can do it too. Mr. Vogel stated I think a lot of the problem is if you are going to enter a group for a year commitment - \$250.00, a lot of people say for \$250.00 and I may not like it. So if you want to a trial run for 2 weeks or something like that for \$10.00 just to get them in there and try it out. So if they like it then they like it and the other thing we could probably try to is shop safety class and charge for that. So if they go through it and they want to join afterwards after they see everything and child safety is a big thing with me too. Mr. Halloran stated the thing that kills me about this is if you go look at a gentleman by the name of Mark Adams, have you ever heard of him – he runs the largest woodworking school in the country and in Indianapolis. If you want to go in for a 1 week class – it is \$750.00 plus materials so you are probably looking at \$1500.00 and you figure if you are not from around there then you have to stay in a hotel and meal so you are probably looking at \$2000.00 for 1 week and his classes are full. Kelly Malor in Kentucky – he shut down for a year to redo his shop as he has been so successful. I also did a comparison; Woodcraft holds classes. Member Albaugh stated a lot of people don't know this; they don't know who Mark Adams is, etc. You are trying to get people to join your shop right, so these are people that don't know about woodworking. That is who you are trying to get to right; the young kids? Mr. Halloran stated we are trying to get to anybody, I am not arguing and I am not saying it is not a good thing. Mr. Vogel stated if you want to do a value of money comparison, look at a place in Ohio City and they have a shop that is a commercial operation and you will pay about \$100.00 or more then that actually. Mr. Halloran stated there is another one down in Columbus that is basically the exact same thing that we are doing, they do a little bit more metal work and stuff like that but it was \$95.00 a month to be a member and then a surcharge for whatever you did. If you wanted to do a one hour class or something like that, they would do a trial which was \$150.00 so for another \$100.00 you got the whole year. Mr. Albaugh stated I understand – when the cable company comes around here, they are not telling you that they are going to give you the whole year for this amount of money. They are going to give you 3 months for \$10.00 a month, well yes you are going to buy into it. Member Kovach stated I don't think he is trying to argue with you, he is finding ways to stimulate to the people who don't know that they want to be the woodworker that you guys could lead them to be. It is unlikely that the 10 people that come to you, if you are lucky there is going to be that one that is really going to excel and want to be there. I think he is suggesting that you go after those. Mr. Halloran stated cast a bigger net in your bucket or something is kind of the thing. Mr. Vogel stated as a class based experience thinking if you like this well then there is some money off

your membership if you want to stick around. Mrs. Prokay asked is the fee paid up front or can you pay it off in installments? Mr. Halloran stated the way it is setup now is we get it upfront and that gives you a full year and the other thing is I never thought of that point of view, like trying to get people that don't know they want to do this. I am going more towards those people that want to do something and you walk into any place. If you walk into Lowe's or Home Depot and try to buy a tool, you will spend more than that for a decent tool for one and we got them all there. Mr. Albaugh stated people don't look at that. Mr. Halloran stated I know, you can't be all things to all people either. Member Kovach stated during last month's meeting and we have had the discussion where there is a lot of seniors that might want to do this but he is leaning towards trying to some of the kids involved. It would be almost on the line of what you went through where you thought it was a class and it turned out to be camp for younger kids. It is also something for some of the kids around here that have nothing to do. Mr. Halloran stated that is my focus that is why I work really hard to do anything for the Scouts or any other organization like that. My daughter when she was 14, she helped build the fence for her dog and she has built cutting boards and she knows how to run virtually every machine in my shop. My son has turned pins like crazy and stuff like that, so I am a very hands on person. I mean I am upset in North Olmsted because we have taken the ropes out of the gym because we are afraid a kid is going to fall. They have taken the gym climbs off the playgrounds because they are afraid they are going to fall and sue us. These kids don't know how to do anything. I did school days one day with a bunch of 6<sup>th</sup> graders and there was 4 kids in the school that could run. These kids could not run and I don't mean run fast or anything like that – just run. No one taught me how to run because I was outside playing all the time. You struck a nerve with that one; I want to do like a Father/Son membership or a Parent/Child membership which would be a better way to put it because definitely doesn't have to be a boy – my daughter is out there and she can run the machines. I can tell you a story when my Mom fell and EMS had to bust her door open and I called my son and said this is what I need and he went out to my shop and made it and brought it over and I got her door shut that night from where they busted the door open. He also wired my shop and I shouldn't say that but I am not in Sheffield Lake but he did a fantastic job. So yes – kids, if there is anything for a kid, any chance that they want to do anything I will stand up to the Board and fight with them if they say no – for the kids. Member Kovach stated I can't see your Board saying no because I think your Board would say yes because you have got a captive audience coming in. Mr. Halloran stated I am just trying to tell you how passionate I am about trying to get kids to learn how to do something other than this. My son is at Cleveland State right now as a computer programmer and he wants to be a designer and I am cringing but what can you do. He does know how to do electricity, he does understand electricity, he does how to run the woodshop, he does know how to turn, he does know how to use his hands to do certain things other than he hit keys on a

keyboard. So yes I would love to do a kids program, I was hoping that we could get this place up and running on a little more solid footing before we could start branching off and do some other stuff like that. Member Kovach stated they come as a package. Mr. Halloran advised I did propose that at one point, a family membership - \$50.00 for a family member as long as they live at the same address. I was wanting to do sort of a discount, if you can get a kid in there and get to do something. If you get the right spark, you never know what the kid is going to do from there. Mayor Bring stated I think the big problem is that kids are shy and afraid and the Father doesn't bring them in then they are not going to walk in by themselves. Mr. Halloran stated the kid that did the Eagle Scout thing, he was great in email but when he came in to pick the thing up he was like hiding behind his Dad. Mayor Bring concurred they are especially if you don't know what you are doing and they don't want to make a mistake. Mr. Halloran stated we always say do you know what the difference is between a professional woodworker and an amateur woodworker is – the amateur says yes here is your thing and I am sorry there is little thing here and there but I think I did okay but this doesn't quite line up and the professional says here is your thing. The amateur will always point out their flaws and woodworking is about fixing mistakes. Mayor Bring pointed out I started in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and took shop and in 8<sup>th</sup> and then all the way up through my senior year and ran a Lumber yard and everything else but just when you think you know remotely what is supposed to be going on Marn doing woodworking and what you are capable of doing. I think it is very interesting but you just have to find the time to do it. Member Albaugh asked do you they do woodshop and metal shop in High Schools anymore? Mayor Bring answered no. Mr. Halloran answered very few do. Member Kovach advised JVS is your choice. Mr. Halloran stated I did the same thing when I was in High School, I said I want to learn something about printing and we had a little thing going and I wanted to print a little brochure and I went to my guidance counselor and said hey I want to learn and Strongsville had – I took metal shop and drafting and woodshop and photography and all that there so they had a really good industrial arts program. So I said I want to learn something about printing and he said go to Polaris. I said I don't want to be a printer, I don't want a career as a printer – I don't want to go there for 2 years. He said again go to Polaris. Mr. Halloran stated that is not a solution because I might go to Polaris for something else but I just want to learn something about it. Mr. Vogel stated I had a similar opportunity when I was in Dayton, I wanted to learn printing and that was a subject they taught in all the High Schools there because it was one of the 4<sup>th</sup> largest printing centers in America before 40's and 50's. They have a volunteer run print shop where I learned a heck of a lot from just as a complete rank amateur. I show up and there is all these old retired guys there, printing guys from way back in the day but they were very patient with me and I learned a heck of a lot. I would like to help other people to feel the same way. Mayor Bring stated at

Brookside we had industrial arts and blue printing – we had all that stuff and it is all gone now.

Chairman Lewis advised that last thing we talked about is you wanted to put benches in the parks? Mayor Bring advised we received a recycling grant and I think we got 8000.00 or almost 9000.00 worth of those sitting there so we are going to start putting those up. We have kiosk, benches and garbage cans through the grant. One thing that we have been talking about for 4 years is Memorial Park and making some kind of a sign that looks nice with a router for the veterans that passed away. Mr. Halloran stated you just hit my second nerve; I will do anything for kids and I am a Marine and I will do anything for a vet too. We have a C&C router – not at the shop but one of our members does. We have a small one and that is what we did that sign for and it was a very long sign. We were able to come up to index it and just move it and it came out perfect. That was for Avon Lake Community Gardens. Mayor Bring advised we would really like to do something nice down there. Mr. Halloran stated I can help with designs because that is what I do – design work. Mayor Bring stated we could take a ride over there. Mr. Halloran stated whatever I draw up then put it in the computer. Mayor Bring stated Brookside had one about 5 years ago, it was a small one. Member Kovach asked has there been any discussion on that drafting table I was talking to you about. Mr. Halloran asked Gerry – could we use a drafting table? Mr. Vogel stated I don't know what it looks like? Member Kovach advised this is a 4 X 8 full sized drafting table. Mr. Halloran stated I would think so. We have a Board just like everyone else but I will give you a tentative yes. Mr. Vogel stated I am sorry we didn't bring the brochures but simply go to our website at [www.nccwoodshop.org](http://www.nccwoodshop.org) and everything is there.

**Lisa Prokay, 765 Lafayette** stated it has been a while so I just wanted to bring everybody up to speed on how things went for the Saturday in the Park event. We didn't have much of showing but a few people did come and the weather was beautiful and it was perfect for kite flying, learned a few things; most importantly that we have to really figure out a better way to get the word out even though we had the posting on the Shoreway and in front of the Civic Center and in the newspaper and on the Sheffield Lake Buzz. We tried to get the word out there but still few people showed up but not going to lose any hope and we are going to do it again next year. We got some great donations; Apples, Rite-Aid, the Debottis family, Mr. Rosso donated food items from his previous event. The combination with the movie night, it just so happened to work out that way. I was able to distribute some of that stuff for movie night which they loved; so they got to eat hot dogs, chips and all that stuff. So hopefully next year however we can figure this out, we just got to figure out a way to get more people out there. One thing that did come up was it was a beautiful day but that sun was kicking. So such an open field and for the few people that were there couldn't stay long there was no shade. Mayor Bring stated we are going to take care of that? Mrs. Prokay stated are we going to get the pavilions? Mayor Bring answered

yes. Mrs. Prokay questioned why next year possibly? Mayor Bring answered by more than possibly. Mrs. Prokay stated help from Len and Steve we had plenty of garbage cans and seating; the picnic tables – it was great. I couldn't have asked for more with that set-up. What I wanted to propose is because we have the movie's in the park and now with this event that maybe we can begin to put it out there as "Summer Skies" as the big umbrella and have a series of events that come up beginning or probably before Community Days but including Community Days including the movies in the park including Saturday in Park. I was trying to just toss around some ideas; maybe a great chili cook-off or a live band night which would be for adults or an adult movie night. Maybe arrangements with the school kids for babysitting where the parents could have a night out under the stars. But to have a series of events from the beginning of summer and would end with the Saturday in the Park event which would be the last event around the same time that we did this year. This year it also co-in sided with the Lorain County Fair and we think that that took away a lot of the presence because of everybody was going out there. So looking at the calendar and making sure that there aren't major events like that going on and scheduling ours accordingly. Member Kovach advised you are going to compete with a lot of smaller festivals but I guess your main thing is you don't want to compete with the main things. Mrs. Prokay concurred Lorain County Fair is pretty big. Service Director Smith advised we have a brochure from Lorain County Visitors Bureau which has all community events throughout Lorain County and their dates. Mrs. Prokay advised does that come out every year? Service Director Smith answered yes it comes out every year and you are more than welcome to take one and I believe there are some in that pamphlet folder out there. That will give you an idea and it is usually done around March and April which is when they print them and get them out which will give you an idea of events that are going on. Mrs. Prokay advised I really do feel that the Lorain County Fair took away a lot of potential crowd. I am definitely excited about doing it again. Member Kustra advised I don't know if there is anything that we can do about it but I have noticed people from the east end of Sheffield Lake have no idea of what is going on at the west end. Mrs. Prokay concurred that is why you have the Shoreway there and you would think that that would be the central location and everybody is going to look to that. I agree I think that that side doesn't communicate at all with the other side. I don't know how we can bring them together. Member Kovach advised if you remember we originally planned to do them in different parks but we just happened to do it this way because your event happened to be there so we were only going to end up having the second one and in talking to Kerry he definitely does not want to do the next one at Guenther just because we want to move it to a different venue. Mrs. Prokay stated right maybe more central that is why I think if we have an umbrella or theme for all activities – like I said beginning with summer and ending – that might be a good way to present it. We will do it again next year for

sure. Chairman Lewis thanked Mrs. Prokay for her work and dedication on this project.

***PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:*** Service Director Smith reported without doubling over different things. I guess I can just go through a couple of things. We have got some holes in the fence over at Freedom that are causing some issues with some kids so I have Jerry working on that. They pick up railroad stones through the holes in the fence and throw them at houses. So he is going to be getting the patches for those. The bike trail is paved – I don't know if everyone has seen that. Currently the Road Department is building the boardwalk bridge which is over the little wetlands area and we will see how that comes along here but it is going pretty good from what I understand. Like the Mayor had mentioned – we have some kiosks and some amenities' that David was able to acquire with a Solid Waste grant. Some of those will be used in the Bike Trail and going through Ferndale Park. So there will be an event beginning the week of October 5<sup>th</sup> or possibly the following week or the week before – it is still up in the air with the Metro Parks depending on how they finish their end. I don't know if you saw what their connector looks like but they have got it in real fine stone and it is pretty much – I am going to say it was 75% to 80% done and I do believe they have to bring in more stone and roll it and do a couple of other things. It is looking real good too so they want to work in collaboration with the City of Sheffield Lake, Sheffield Village and the School to celebrate the Safe Route to School Trail opening. Member Kovach asked they are looking to do that on a weekend? Service Director Smith answered Metro Parks asked if they could do it on a weekend but they are going to be coordinating with Mayor Bring on that. Mayor Bring advised you know ribbon cutting, grand opening kind of things. The activity on the bike trail is going very well already and people have made a lot of comments on it, it is very nice. If you like wild life – we have a lot of deer, turkeys and raccoons and everything else on the bike trail. I went around the corner the other day and there was 30 wild turkeys standing there staring at me and when they were building the trail, they said there was between 21 and 25 deer. It is pretty neat walking down there, it is very nice. Chairman Lewis asked any bobcats? Mayor Bring answered no. Chairman Lewis stated there is supposed to be some bobcats in the area. Service Director Smith advised the only other thing that I have is that the bacteria count/testing that was going on through the State of Ohio/Ohio Beach Data and Lorain County Health Department – that has ended for the summer of course and they request that we pull the sign and then remount it in the spring again. I had a lot of comments from residents who thought that was a good thing to do. So next year we will get a little more intricate with it and go into forecasting what it is going to be like with them instead of waiting a day and putting up the warning a day after or the “all clear” a day after the test. We will be able to forecast what it is going to be and they have a program that I have said we

need to get involved with. We will hopefully try to attempt that and that way we are not putting up a warning over the whole weekend waiting for a Tuesday test. The mowing and everything is going good. I will say this Jerry's brother passed away and that was a sad event for Jerry, he missed a week of work as his brother was very ill. He is back and back in the swing of maintaining the parks, he has done a fantastic job. The dump truck is back in service too, Rob was able to get that squared away. It had an antifreeze leak and it overheated again but he took care of it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Designated Skate Areas:*** Mayor Bring advised we called a company to see how much it would be for a pad, we have a size and then a cyclone fence and what we are going to do is pore a pad and a fence so that way they will be able to go in and out and not having it at all hours of the night. We are getting a price on that. We are probably going to do something maybe before this year and at least get the pad in and then work on some of the other amenities. We are going to slowly chip away at all this stuff.

Mayor Bring advised we are going to actively get this pavilions in and I know I want at least one and I would like to get two up next year. We are going to see how much they costs and we are going to do that as it is needed. We will get some picnic tables and put them underneath there and I think that will help a lot too. So that is a couple of things that we are actively working on. Chairman Lewis recalled you said benches are going to go along that? Mayor Bring answered those are going to go along the Bike Trail along with a few other things. We are looking at maybe getting some exercise stations and some other stuff too that when you are walking along. These young guys would like to exercise. I just saw that the other day, I went through one of the cities which I think was out by Mentor that has a big trail and they have got the bars where you can do pushups and everything else. I saw some of these guys doing that. Chairman Lewis stated there is one in Akron the same way, different stages have different exercises to do. Mayor Bring advised now with that extension that Bike Path is I think over 3 miles almost 4 miles long now. The other thing they we may do next year is have like a 5K race and then start over here and go through the parks, then give out prizes for placements and ages. Try to get everybody involved with that type of atmosphere.

***Memorial Parks:*** **None.**

***Neighborhood Parks:*** **None.**

***Lakefront Parks:*** **None.**

***Lakewood Beach Park:*** **None.**

***Community Boat Launch:*** **None.**

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

***Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge:*** **None.**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Albaugh/Second by Kustra to adjourn at 7:58 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.

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*Kay Fantauzzi*

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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 September 22, 2014.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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COUNCIL PRO TEM

*Alan Smith*