

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 26, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, January 26, 2015. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Lewis, Albaugh, Kovach, Mayor Bring

Absent: Farris (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Albaugh to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: *Senior Girl Scout Julia Mohrbach, Pinewood* advised I was planning a Easter Egg Hunt for my Girl Scout Gold Award and I was hoping to have it on March 21, 2015 with a rain date of March 29, 2015. Just to bring a holiday kind of joy to the community. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Albaugh to approve Julia Mohrbach as the representative of local Girl Scout Troop along with her partner Leah Wright to have a Easter Egg Hunt on March 21, 2015 with a rain date of March 29, 2015. Yeas All. Member Kovach advised you might want to ask Pat as they might still have Easter eggs from previous years in storage. We may have some eggs.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS: Mayor Bring advised the only thing that we have is we have been talking about Ferndale Park over there and we probably are going to do a skate park. I was talking about doing some stuff in the back and we are still thinking it over. I did get a price for the pavilions and I think they are around \$5000 and \$6000. At a minimum we are going to do 1 but we are probably going to do 2 of those, 1 at Guenther Park and then we are talking about doing 1 at Gary Green Park. The 1 at Guenther Park we are talking about doing over the existing asphalt and we are going to take down those 2 basketball poles but I talked to Jonathan Wright today and they want to come here with the whole soccer team and talk about adopting the park. They are talking about getting donations and numerous other things. I am assuming that putting that pavilion there would be okay and the reason that we wanted to do that is because the asphalt is already there which gives you a hard surface and I think it is going to be out of the way. So if everyone is in agreement we would probably do

that one first to see how it goes and then look at doing another one. Member Kovach advised in the discussion I attended they were actually thinking as part of their program redoing that basketball court. Mayor Bring advised well we will have to talk about that and the other thing that he was talking about was he was going to approach the Board about putting some handicap parking over at Guenther Park and I told him when it warms up here a little bit that we could meet over there, him and I and he could do a little drawing because I think they want to do it right off of Walker Road right there. We have got some parents/grandparents that are elderly or handicap and instead of walking all the way over from the parking lot to see their kids/grand-kids watch baseball and/or soccer. He is going to approach the Board about that as I talked to him about that also which I thought was a good idea and I think Griffith Paving is talking about helping with that to put the spaces in. Member Albaugh asked what size are the pavilions going to be? Mayor Bring answered the one I priced out was 24 X 36/about 12 foot high/ 4/12 pitch/steel roof and steel ends/the rest is all open. In turn we would probably see if we couldn't get some benches from the recycling grant. I think we will have some money from that. Chairman Lewis asked the woodworking place, did they ever come up with plans for benches? Member Kovach answered I believe they are still working on it, I stopped in there last Saturday and there was discussion on what was going on but they haven't finalized anything yet. Chairman Lewis stated okay because I had talked to them about designing park benches that people could donate in memory of loved ones and put it up on the website. Mayor Bring advised on the Brookside Bike Trail, we have actually been using the all-terrain vehicle and Jerry our one Park Maintenance has been plowing that and he actually got stopped by several residents who thanked him for doing that. The people are using it even now that it snowed and he did it again today, that little all-terrain is working pretty well with that. But people are pretty excited because they are walking their dogs and walking down that path. Chairman Lewis advised my wife and I use it and it is pretty nice. Mayor Bring advised we did put some solar lighting at the one end of that walkway over there at Ferndale Park. We were trying to see how it was going to work, I don't believe they were on so we are doing some checking on that because we did put some solar lights in that area by that walkway just to light it up a little bit. So if those work then we are probably going to do something on those poles along the rest of that walkway over there – that is the one that goes back all the way through Idlewood. There was a brief discussion on the lights functioning. Chairman Lewis advised Jonathan Wright dropped off a book for me called Sheffield Lake Park Development Plan. Mayor Bring advised he did give me a brochure where they had priced out a pavilion which was about \$30,000.00 but that also had a pad underneath it and some other things but I think it was all metal so it was a little pricier. I told him today with the price I got he said he can't compete

against that. Basically what we need is covering that is going to look nice. His actually had a 2 tier that had the main roof that had a raised section in the middle but \$30,000.00 is a lot of money. Also we are going to have a triathlon sometime in August this year too at the Boat Launch. We are going to have a run/swim and something else. We are kind of finalizing the date and they will swim out a ¼ mile and swim back and we will probably have the Coast Guard there at the Boat Launch there. From there they are going to run so many miles and then come back and do some other stuff too. Actually they have done it in all the cities around here so I think it will be pretty neat. We have another one coming through this year too so I have to get another date for you. This other one these guys are pretty good athletes. Rick Cadwell is the one promoting it, he used to run the North Coast Nautilus over in Avon Lake and they have had these in Avon and Avon Lake so they are coming here this year. There was a brief discussion on scheduling.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: discussed above. Mayor Bring advised Ferndale is being looked at for a skate area which will be positioned in the front/fenced in and locked at night for residential consideration.

Memorial Parks: **None.**

Neighborhood Parks: discussed above.

Lakefront Parks: **None.**

Lakewood Beach Park: **None.**

Community Boat Launch: **None.**

GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:

Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge: discussed above. Mayor Bring advised nothing new on grants right now.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Lisa Prokay, 765 Lafayette stated thank you Mayor for getting that skate park finally put through, that will be awesome. Mayor Bring advised we haven't done anything yet. Mrs. Prokay stated well it sounds more like it is going to happen and hopefully it will and I think that is a great location. You mentioned the 2 pavilions; 1 being at Guenther and 1 being where? Mayor Bring answered Gary Green Park. Member Kovach advised the closest one to your house. Mayor Bring advised we get a lot of traffic there with the children and parents so I think that would be a good idea to put one there. Mrs. Prokay advised in the month of February I will be starting my work on the Saturday in the Park event with letters to send out to different corporations and companies for possible sponsorship and donations. I would like to ask the Council and I will try to be here tomorrow to see if there are

any companies that they have connections with or anything like that that they can point me in the direction of who to contact as that would be really helpful. I am going ahead with the plans of pretty much the same scheme as last year but having the pavilion there would be great and I just need to find out when the Lorain County is going on so that I don't schedule it at the same time which I think was a big problem this past year plus the short amount of time to put it together. Are we going to go forward with the movies in the park? Member Kovach answered it is our intent to have 2 movies so we are going to set-up a couple of dates. I know he is not going to want to Guenther this time. We want to try and get it all over the city. Mrs. Prokay stated I was hoping we would have the dates ahead so that I could not schedule it on one of those nights. Also if we are going to follow through on the idea of having it be the "Summer Skies" starting off with movie in the park or whatever event and including all of the events that follow as falling under the general umbrella of "summer skies" events. Member Kovach advised why don't you finalize your date as quickly as you can. There is a lot of other Friday nights for us to choose from. We can work around your date in August. I am sure that we are going to do one in June and maybe August because Community Days are in July plus we will have the Bicentennial this year but those dates are kind of falling around Community Days and August. Mrs. Prokay asked do you think it might be worth considering maybe making this Saturday in the Park a beginning of the summer event versus end of the summer event, like in June? Member Kovach answered you could. Mrs. Prokay stated maybe it would be smarter to have it start the summer versus end the summer.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Albaugh to adjourn at 7:23 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

Park Board January 26, 2015

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 26, 2015.

ACTING CHAIRMAN
Steve Kovach

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Rick Rosso

and/or

COUNCIL PRO TEM
Alan Smith