

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, April 20, 2015. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Lewis, Albaugh, Farris, Kovach, Mayor Bring, Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Prokay (excused)

Attending: Concerned Citizens, Sheffield Soccer Club

*Motion by Farris/Second by Albaugh to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Stephanie Koscho, 331 Missouri Ave., Lorain, Loco Yak Shak, LLC – Mrs. Koscho advised we would like to offer kayak rentals at the boat launch across the street from Apples just on a weekly basis; probably once a week and possibly twice depending on how the schedule works out but we are establishing a mobile rental company this year and we will have several locations throughout Lorain County and in the City of Berea where we will be offering rentals and classes throughout the summer. Mayor Bring advised I have had several conversations with them and she also works for the Back Packers Shop over there and they have been doing this for this past 2 years. Actually I see them several times when I am out and about and this was a suggestion by me to come use the facility. They had used the park – Lakewood Beach a couple of times down there and did that. But I thought they would probably get more exposure down at the Boat Launch and I thought it would be nicer for the citizens to see that. They could launch behind the Library over there. They also do instructing and everything else and they are also the ones that are in charge of the Black River cleanup as you saw in the paper so they are very active in several communities but I think it would be a great asset to the community to have them on board over here.

*Motion by Farris/Second by Albaugh to approve the request for permit to the Loco Yak Shak, LLC – Stephanie Koscho. Yeas All. Chairman Lewis advised it is \$25.00 a month as you are aware. Mayor Bring advised they have insurance and Law Director Graves is going to draw up lease agreement. He just had to make sure that you guys would approve this, he had already been in discussion with her.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Superintendent Hastings advised I know several are in here for presentations this evening to you and I would entertain working with them and scheduling if you guys are in agreement with some of the things they want to do. As for the skate parks, yes – I have been in touch with contractors. I think it would be better served for those who are here to offer some kind of cooperate effort with the city than I will work with them in discussing it with you tonight. Mayor Bring advised the groups from the Soccer are here right now and I think they want to talk a little bit about what they want to offer the city and also what we can do for them.

Jonathan Wright, 788 Idlewood advised you guys know who I am, I have been coming here to meetings for a while and we have talked about a lot of things. It has been a while since I threw some ideas at you guys about the Soccer Board/League would like to do at Guenther. I took a while to galvanize some of that support we got, a number of Board members and interested parents and volunteers here. Just to put into some context, we have a new Board and every position is filled. We have actually created a position to take care of social media for us. We have got dedication that I haven't seen in all the 4 years I have been involved with the local league. We are in the best financial health that I have seen the league in in all this time and there is a pretty solid group of volunteers who are willing to put in their time and effort to make a difference. So I have been working with our Board and a gentleman named Kenny Graver on the outset, he owns Graver Tooling Facturing in Elyria and lives in the Village and he is helping us put together a master plan for Guenther Park. We would like to ask you to give us permission to adopt the park as the home of Sheffield Soccer Club. We have a bunch of improvements we would like to make to the park and we obviously would take whatever in-kind assistance we could get from the city. I have spoken to Mr. Hastings about this in the past but we intend to raise the monies to make whatever changes we have within our plan. The master plan right now is being drafted by Kenny Graver, he is using his CAD programs to put that together and when he gets that done we will bring it back and present it to you guys so you can see everything. We will have renderings and stuff like that so there are some visuals to go along with it to illustrate exactly what we want to do. We have established annual fund raising events that we didn't have in the past and we are coming up and generating new fund raising ideas to improve our financial health, improve our status within the community. Some new things that we got going on is we changed the name of our organization. When I got involved we were kind of Sheffield Soccer which was kind of on its death bed. We have changed the name and our logo. Mr. Wright distributed the new crest to include new name – Sheffield Soccer Club. We are going to be getting new uniforms in the fall for our travel players, we have gone out and gotten thousands of dollars in sponsorships that we are going to put on the uniforms. The ones we

have been playing in for years are outdated and ugly and they do not have the classy look that we would like to have representing ourselves with other communities when we go visit them or they come visit us to play. We have done new programming, we have had programming all winter long so that we can continue training our kids. That is something that is brand new. We have re-established with Brookside and the varsity programs. The Varsity Boys Coach has been running academy practices with us, this is now his second season doing so trying to have a more uniformed program with the whole point of bringing up kids through our program and teaching them the right fundamentals eventually when they get to Brookside and we send a really solid squad out to our rivals to play. So those are the things that we have accomplished in a very short amount of time as an organization. When it comes to the park adoption and things that we are basically asking you guys blessing for. Like I said we have that master plan and Kenny Graver is the one working for us and he is also one of our main sponsors. His logo will be on that new jersey and in addition to putting together the master plan visuals, he is building us new goals at his shop and he is going to build us a new sign much like the one at Volunteer Fields. As a matter of fact he is the one that built the sign at Volunteer Fields, so we would like to accept that and install that up in the corner of the park. Other things that we want to do that will be shown in this master plan. As a final product it is going to show field rotations, it is going to show all the additions or changes that we want to make. We as an organization will prioritize those and attack them one at a time. Some of those changes being we would like to add flush restrooms onto the concession stand and a little storage area there. We would like to add or improvement access from the parking lot into the field. Right now, we have got those 2 wooden man bridges and we would like to install something that would allow a truck or a fire truck onto the fields if for nothing more than events or EMT's, whatever we might need. We would like to clear that south fence line of woods. That is something that we have talked about in the past. We would like to see additional storage at the south-end of the parking lot, a storage shed where we could put more equipment and things like that. A new playground, pavilions which is one of those things that we have talked about. I had heard that those basketball hoops are going to come out of the ground and maybe a pavilion installed on that northern part of that path. That is actually something that I am sketching into the master plan. The remainder of that pad I would love to see taken out and then seeded. We also talked about – I have been in touch with Michael Griffith of Griffith Paving and one of the things that he talked about maybe compromising with the city is if the city were to remove the southern whatever isn't occupied by the pavilion. That southern part of that asphalt pad and then seed it, the League could possibly raise funds to put a new top coat so that we have a nice clean finish on the asphalt pad underneath the pavilion. Those are

things that are in the future. Some immediate changes that we would like to see, the new sign I talked about. We would like to remove that baseball backstop so we can use it as fields, it is in worse shape than ever. I know Jerry has done pretty well maintaining it. There was a post that was busted off and sharp aluminum and he finished that but we would like to see it removed. One thing that we are working on right now is putting handicap parking spaces centrally located in the park right off Walker. That is another thing that Michael Griffith has quoted to me. We have as an organization to raise between \$3000.00 to \$4000.00 to make that happen. I have talked to Mr. Hastings again about what the city could donate towards that cause and he seems on board with that effort with in-kind labor essentially. So that is something that we would like, those things your approval tonight if possible. To give us your blessings to put a new sign in the park and we would like to install it in the northwest corner so it is visible from the street and kind of out of the way instead of where it is now. It will be sharp and it will look good and we would like to put “Home of Sheffield Soccer Club” or something like that on there to kind of illustrate our adopting of the park. Also removal of the backstop and giving us your blessing to put in a pair of handicap parking spaces at the north end right off Walker, centrally located to be near the concession stand. Those are things that we are working towards doing this summer. Then the next time around hopefully we will have that master plan that we could lay out in front of you guys and you could see the vision for the park. Chairman Lewis clarified for the Board, you would like a sign, backstop removed and parking spaces for handicap – is that what you want approved tonight? Member Farris stated on the sign, you say you want it home of Sheffield Soccer Club on the sign right? Mr. Wright answered yes, we would like our logo on there or home of or something like that because the arrangement in a sense. We would like Guenther Park to be the home of our in-house soccer program. It always has been but it is marketing for us, it looks great for our organization to have our name plastered on that corner and associate the park with us. We intend to put all this energy and money into to improve it. Like the handicap parking, we want to make improvements that are great for the whole community but of course, being a non-profit organization who is always working for numbers and always working to raise monies we have to stand up and pound our chest and take credit for as much as we can. We have got to put our name out there as much as we can in order to perpetuate ourselves. That is one way that I think would be effective, to be able to have “home of” or “our logo” or something substantial on that sign. I think it is a good idea – absolutely but I just want to make sure that it is Guenther Park and if we are going to put a new sign than we should probably say Guenther Park – home of. Mr. Wright stated absolutely and that is the plan. Member Farris stated with the parking spaces, would that have anything to do with the engineer of the city with the roads and stuff like that. With

the access right there, is that going to be an issue? Superintendent Hastings advised there is curb cuts, fees and that kind of thing involved generally. Actually we can wave our own fees and we would have to have the department review it and I have actually reviewed it already with Jonathan and we have agreed to do the sub-base, like a 304 rolled in coat while they pursue funding if you guys approve. So it will be prepped, signed and ready to go as an aggregate rolled in. Chairman Lewis asked the location is okay for you? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Mr. Wright stated about that location, what the plan is – you have the bike lanes running north and south side of the road. So that bike lane would run uninterrupted, the handicap space would be between the bike lane and the park. So the fence would have to get picked up and moved and cut around those parking spaces. They will extend into the park and they won't affect the street at all. Member Farris stated that fence is pretty dilapidated but the placement of the sign is going to be where at? Mr. Wright answered I would like to see it at the northwest corner, there is a catch basin on the northwest corner right at the parking lot/fence – catch basin. As close to that northwest corner as possible, that way it is in a very highly visible place as people drive by or they are coming to park but it is also out of the way as possible when it comes to planning where fields are going to be and things like that. There is a piece of playground equipment that might need to get removed but it is a defunct piece of equipment. I have no idea what it is and I sell playgrounds for a living and I have no idea what it is. I would assume that it was some sort of swing-set way back in the past but there is a double top rail here and there is nothing attached to it. So I have never seen anything like that, I am guessing it was a swing-set. There was a brief discussion on what it was before. Mr. Wright advised I can just pull it out and scrap that metal. The Board concurred. Member Albaugh asked do you plan on lighting the sign at night or is it just going to be a sign? Mr. Wright advised unknown. Mayor Bring stated if you want to include the removal of those basketball poles at the same time and get that out of the way. Also we have been talking about where to put that pavilion, if we want to make that into a motion tonight so we can get on that as I already have the spec's on that and if that gets okayed than in the near future here we are setting money aside for that. These guys are going to set the poles and get some of the bracing set and then we are going to have like a Saturday get-together and everybody is going to put this thing up. So if you could include that too. Mayor Bring advised while the Soccer group is here tonight, if you could make sure that pavilion on that blacktop is going to be okay. If you guys are going to be okay with that. There is several reasons why we wanted to do it because there is already a base there and kind of centralized but also it is in between that and the parking lot so if it does rain everybody can kind of go to that is what we were thinking but if you could check that. Mr. Wright answered we hadn't really discussed that because

it is your property and Pat told me that you intended to put it there. It doesn't seem like a bad idea to me because it is right near the concession stand and I mean ultimately with the master plan a pavilion/playground – it would all be located right around that concession, all central to the park. Basically because right now where the playground equipment is you will have parents or grandparents on the far east end of the park watching kids play while their kids are all the way clear over here. We kept all that kind of recreation in the center of the park so nobody has to far to look. *Motion by Farris/Second by Albaugh authorizing the Soccer League to provide handicap parking, new sign for Guenther Park with Home of Sheffield Soccer Club plus logo and the backstop removed and miscellaneous as agreed upon Administration and the Soccer League. Yeas All. Mayor Bring advised also the access there that Mr. Hastings and I just talked about, we will just put a pipe in there and then put some gravel and make sure you will have access to that – instead of having those bridges. *Motion by Farris/Second by Albaugh to approve installation of a pavilion at Guenther Park by the city. Yeas All. Member Kovach advised as you preparing your master plan, there is a drainage grid that some other previous President of that League had put in around 1987. It is under the main field, the major drainage grid is under the main field and then there is a smaller grid that is under your medium size field that fed out to the ditch. Mr. Wright asked while I have got everybody here, so the Board and I are working on a fund raiser making stencils that we could sell to paint Brookside theme, community theme stencils for people to paint in their driveway. Do we know of any restrictions that we have, can we paint corner aprons, can we paint driveways – I assumed are okay, sidewalks, corner aprons? Superintendent Hastings asked what specific area are you talking about? Mr. Wright advised we want to paint stencils as a fund raiser, community pride – art stencils with spray paint. What can of restrictions do we have, can we paint corner aprons – at the corner of a block? I assumed we can paint driveways, anywhere within somebody's property, sidewalks, corner aprons? Superintendent Hastings answered that would have to be researched. Mr. Wright asked who should I ask about that? Mayor Bring answered Law Director. Mr. Wright asked what about painting things at Guenther, we would like to do some black and red painting at Guenther and stuff like that. Chairman Lewis advised you are going to have to bring it to us to let us know what you want to do. There was a brief discussion on painting. Mr. Wright explained community pride painting that he is proposing; black and red with Brookside or Pride with maybe a number of different stencils that could be designed into a message. Mayor Bring advised on the restrooms you proposed, I did have a conversation with the City of Avon Lake. They were going to get me the blueprints for what they have. Mr. Wright advised yes for Weiss Field, I got those. Mayor Bring advised Tom Butts actually said at one time that he would donate some of his time. Mr. Wright

advised he said he would plumb it for free, I talked to him too but I don't know if that is going to work because that would be – the plans that I got is the whole bathrooms, the whole concession stand and everything. I think we would need to get an architect to draw up plans that would fit our site. We could give them those from Avon Lake to where they could start from.

Eric Pawlyshyn, Pride Committee stated I am the current President of the Sheffield Lake Civic Pride Committee. There are several of us in the committee – probably 27 or so on the email list including some of the members of Council that are sort of advisory in nature, not so much in participating. My purpose of coming here this evening is to make you aware of an initiative that we have in our committee, we are loosely calling it the Park Beautification Initiative. We have 10 parks and some of them could use a little bit help from the point of view of citizens, things that we can do. There are some things that we really cannot do. I have talked to Pat Hastings and Mayor Bring about this initiative and they are both very supportive of it. I can see that there are several members of the community here tonight and some of them are on the committee and also very supportive of it. We obviously want to try to bring in as many people as we can into the fold to help us with this initiative. But for right now we have got the 27 of us or so that are at least aware of it. We are doing things like posting on Facebook as well as the Sheffield Lake Buzz page. So we are going to be posting some things tonight especially after this meeting with the fact that we came and approached this Board with our ideas. So what we have done so far is we have loosely adopted all 10 parks, that is someone on the committee took responsibility for going out to the park and taking pictures and coming back with some recommendations on the things that we would like to see done, whether it be planting bushes, flowers, removing shrubbery, removing garbage, adding restrooms, adding trash cans or whatever sort of improvements that they saw. This has been, for the last couple of weeks we have had some submissions but I wouldn't say that we have got all 10 parks covered yet. The idea is once we have all these submissions or at least some of them we will start planning out every weekend starting on Pride Day taking one park every weekend as citizens and doing what we can to improve that park. So the first park that we will be doing is the Community Park/Boat Launch on Pride Day. Then as I said as we get some more feedback on some of the other parks and determine what parks need more help than others or how many days we actually probably need to do that park. In our minds we have got every Saturday starting on May 16th and going forward, skipping July 4th weekend that would take us through July 25th. So by the end of July all 10 parks will have gotten some love. Now obviously it was important to partner with Pat and Mayor Bring so that they were aware of what we were doing. We didn't want to just go out there as ruffians and starting doing things but so far like I said they have been very supportive. So what

I have given you thus far are the feedback that we have on 2 of the parks; Gary Green and Community Parks. There are some pictures although there are many more pictures available as well. But as you will notice on this first one, the Community Park I have this split up into 2 sections. One is the things that we as a committee and citizens can do ourselves with maybe some support from Pat and the other list are things that we cannot do ourselves and would need support and funding from the city to take care of. Now we know that there are 10 parks and we know that there is a lot that could be done so I am not up here tonight to tell you which park is more important or what we should do or how much money I want. This is just to make you aware that we have a group of very concerned citizens that are trying to do something to improve the parks of the city. If you want I can go through some of the bullet points so the folks behind us know what is going on. He continued essentially the first thing first is sort of cleaning up the trash, there is quite a bit. At the Boat Launch there are lots of cigarette butts and what not along the street especially. There are areas along the western ridge down to the boardwalk/cement. There is quite a bit of trash over there, I am not sure where the city part ends and the house next to it starts. So we would need some assistance there but there is some even large plastic things that could very well be those neighbors. So there is some trash we picked up there. The beaches are pretty messy, there is some things that we could probably do. Some things like driftwood and things like that but maybe we don't want to do – maybe it keeps the sand up on the beach and we don't want to ruin those things necessarily. But we do want to take a good hard look at what we can do. There are several of the boat ties that are either broken on one side or the other or on both sides. I have spoken with Pat and we have parts here, I think we have a shortage of manpower to actually get those exchanged. I am sure some of the things that go over, it is a similar situation where these are things that the city is aware of – we want to get to them it is just a matter of can we get to them, when can we get to them. Hopefully we will be invited to be part of that decision making process to determine where are resources go and whatnot. I think it would be a good idea for the city and the Park Board to welcome that sort of input from us. Again not trying to say what we should do or what you guys should do but I think at least hearing the feedback from the citizens would be helpful. Chairman Lewis stated the one thing I will say on removing the massive amount of sea shells, you can remove them and 2 days later they are going to be back again. Mr. Pawlyshyn quipped these are from a dummy like me who doesn't know anything about how to clean up a beach. You are right there could be a situation where that is just a beach that gets shells all the time. Member Farris advised you hit it on the head there with the manpower shortage because all these things you are suggesting I personally did while I worked for the parks for 3 years during college summers. I was with the Park guy to clean up all this up, driftwood

– I was down there dragging it out to the truck up there. It is just manpower, he is just one guy – just Jerry, it sounds funny saying Park Department. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated the reality is this is a very small city council, it is a very small town. We don't have 16 guys out there with shovels and stuff that can do this. Chairman Lewis encouraged as long as it is supporting the city, I think it is a great idea. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated that is what I say, if the citizens want to do something to help out. Like I said there are things that we can do, we can grab some paint and paint the railings as long as it is okay with you guys. We can plant some flowers, we can remove some sea shells – I don't know because there is areas of the beach that don't have any sea shells. So I don't know. So there is obviously a big problem with trash and unfortunately people have taken their cups and smashed them in between some of the rocks. Some of that is precarious to clean up but still it needs to get done somehow and we are willing to help. There is obviously that very big hill right just north of the parking lot, it looks great in most areas but there are some areas where I don't know if maybe dirt needs to be filled in or something. Even one of the benches that is sitting there is completely cockeyed forward and it is not really usable. So either we move the bench or we put some dirt in there, whatever needs to be done. I think this is where Pat and the Mayor's input and your input for that matter, to say okay here is a problem and how do we as sort of a team sort of solve it. I know Pat has been fantastic about offering up not only equipment but actually dirt and getting things out there to help us which is awesome. He continued some of the things we need the city to do is resurfacing or repairing a parking lot, I think that goes without saying – if it is 5 years old or more. Those kinds of things are just general maintenance and got to get done once in a while. Replace the broken trash receptacles, I took some pictures of some of this stuff as you can see on the next 2 pages. You can see where the Community Park sign, you can see the cement footing. We have got to get some mulch there, some dirt to cover that back up again. All of the sort of areas by the sidewalk and the Lake Road need some mulch. As you can see some of the trash cans, the cement unfortunately is cracked. I don't know if that is repairable at least temporarily. I am sure those are very expensive to replace. The first 4 pictures at the top you will see they are sort of just rusted out items. He explained this pulley is over too deep, left or western part of the park right along the edge of the grass. I am not sure what the contraption is that it is attached to, it is very interesting. I don't know if that even serves a purpose. There are some cables over there. The second picture looks like a drainage where and I can hear the water back there still coming out but it is rusted so much that the bottom has just dropped out. The fourth picture is of the same drain but a view from the side where you can see the rust is down there. I don't expect to kids to be up there playing and whatnot. I don't know if it is a critical safety issue but it is certainly – if the drain is intended

to get the water out and over it is sort of failing at the pass right now. The rusted railings again we as citizens can take some paint and repaint those that would not be a big deal. One thing that I was kind of surprised, although I don't know why not it just seems like it is kind of obvious – is all the post around the cement. This is probably a manpower thing but all the post around the cement should have 2 ropes going through them. None of them do, I think maybe between 2 post both ropes are there but in most cases there are no ropes which is very dangerous – it is a critical dangerous issue that we should move up the priority list and try to take care of. The second page has several pictures of the grassy area again towards the western part of the park and up that hill and then the last picture is just more driftwood kind of down by the beach. Some may say that looks great, it looks very nautical. I think we could probably clean some of that up, some of it is probably very heavy and it is going to be difficult to move. If we can get some support from the city that would be great. Then the last picture all 6 again is kind of general areas where there is a lot of rocks, a lot of debris. I know those things wash up probably not as easily as shells so maybe some of that can be removed. The next park that we have got some really good feedback on is Gary Green which is formerly Lincoln Park – that is where we had the Easter Egg Hunt this year and I think it became very evident to us that there are some things that we would like to see done at that park to make it more usable. Primarily the large area of grass, that is where we had the Easter Egg Hunt – it was very wet. I do get it, we were just coming out of winter but I have been to that park before and it seems to be a reoccurring problem. It could be a drainage thing, I am not 100% sure but sort of over in that area I want to say to the southern side of the park right along the street it is very wet, very soggy. You can see that there is a significant amount of vandalism and I would like to see if we can help clean that up. There are things that we can't do though like cracks on the sidewalk or rusted swing chains, I mean kids really can't use that if there is rust on there. There are some foldup fabric that we have noticed as well. Some general things between this park, Community Park and other parks. This may seem like very small but like signage, if you have got nice tall signs there and they are sitting like this at a 33 degree angle it just doesn't look very appealing. It doesn't look like we care, so if those things could be straightened up. In this case the Gary Green Park sign, the paper is coming off of there. Those kinds of things can be done, it is the little details I think that people notice. Obviously the park equipment is primary concern because it is where the kids are playing. So for Gary Green in particular, just removing some of the dilapidated equipment like the rusty chains. I don't know if something like that can be repainted, I don't know how you would sort of sand that all down unless you did it by finger. Mayor Bring advised that is the plastic coating. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated well the plastic coating is gone and now it is metal. So I don't know if

plastic coating can be reapplied. So maybe painting is a good idea or changing it out is a good idea. Again just want to touch on the grassy area, drainage is a problem – it is very wet and soggy. The kids, you know we did our best – it was still coming out of winter so it was kind of hard in areas but wasn't completely soggy but it is really sort of unusable. There are some cement platforms out there that were used apparently with the previous tower that was there. Just something for the kids to be running across the grass and fall onto. The other parks – there are 8 other parks and unfortunately I don't have feedback on those yet that I can share with the group. But again we hope to hit Community Park first on Pride Day which gives us about 3 weeks. Chairman Lewis asked are you advertising that? Mr. Pawlyshyn answered yes on Facebook like I said. I think it would make sense Mayor if we could put something on the water bill that comes out May 1st. I think that would be great, put it in everybody's hands. Superintendent Hastings asked what exactly were you suggesting to put on the water bill, that Pride Day is coming. Mr. Pawlyshyn answered yes that Pride Day is coming. Superintendent Hastings advised we have several projects throughout the city. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I think Pride Day makes sense but also just the fact that we want to do something with every park every week after that. So there are some parks that are on the small side and maybe we can double up on a weekend. Again it is going to take getting all this feedback in to really understand what the condition is of all the parks and then we can sort of decide which parks we hit when. Chairman Lewis stated I had somebody, probably group contact me this weekend about some sort of a grant. Mr. Pawlyshyn advised there is a contest going on to win playground equipment and so we are actively pursuing entering that contest. So there were some interviews. Member Kovach advised I did too. Mr. Pawlyshyn advised we have done several interviews and my brother has been a videographer for 15 or 20 years so he is going to do the final edits for us. He works a company in Indianapolis that provides all the advertisements for the Hilton downtown. Sort of the media, so if there is something going on his group films it and sets up the WIFI and does all that sort of thing. Mayor Bring advised the one thing that we are going to do here in the very near future is that we are getting the Boat Launch cleaned out, we are going to dredge that out and a lot of that sand is going to go to the back side of the Library there which is going to cover a lot of those shells and stuff. So that should be taken care of during that. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked is that going to happen before or after Pride Day. Mayor Bring answered after Pride Day. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated that is probably a good thing then because there is quite a bit of debris back there. If we can get that debris out of the way it would be easier to get this done back there. Mayor Bring advised the general maintenance with the erosion from the water coming off even the road and the parking lot runoff, it kind of washes things out. I know Jerry and a few of the guys did some stuff last year

but it is kind of an on-going thing. Some of the pictures you had was actually private property over there on that one gentleman's property over there. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I wasn't sure where ours ended and theirs started. That is unfortunate because that is where a bulk of the trash is. Mayor Bring stated we had considered putting a fence up over there and blocking that off. It is something I talked actually 3 years ago so there may be a possibility of that. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked could we get his permission because I feel like it is probably not him throwing the trash but the people from the park. Mayor Bring answered I highly doubt that you are going to get his permission. Mr. Pawlyshyn asked do you think he would care if we asked to clean up the trash in his yard? Mayor Bring advised on that you would have to talk to him. There was a brief discussion.

Angela Wtulich, 4131 Holl stated are there plans to level out the dirt back there at there this summer? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Mrs. Wtulich stated you mentioned the skate park, is that still debated whether or not it is going to happen or not? Superintendent Hastings answered I actually worked with a contractor and we measured it at Ferndale upfront which would be under light and taking from some of the examples of our neighboring communities and actually a professional skater who is one of our business owners in the city who suggested that the Park Board maybe consider putting fencing around it to contain or at least control the use of it. You know the sound generating from it which quite frankly wouldn't affect many, there is only one home over there that is directly in front of it. Yes we did put all that together and I don't think it made a formal presentation through the Park Board here. Preliminarily you could put in this pad and get this fence in and start from there. That is at a range of about \$15,000.00 and then you could expand on that either through - some of these guys who are really professional into it actually offered their time to build them out of wood which is seen out west a lot. Our climate is not the best for that. Mrs. Wtulich stated I have gone around to a lot of the parks doing video for this contest and stuff and one of the things that I noticed is the basketball courts, is there any plans to do anything with those. They are basically unusable. My son plays basketball at Forestlawn, after school hours and I was just wondering if there are any plans for that. Mayor Bring answered for right now, it would not be immediate. There are a lot of other things right now. Mrs. Wtulich asked somewhere on the radar maybe? Mayor Bring answered possibly. Mrs. Wtulich stated just bringing it to your attention that they are in pretty bad shape, like bent. Mayor Bring stated we have actually been talking about it but the asphalt is pretty expensive and if you go over top of it and there is not a good base we end of having to rip that out and putting a new base down and then you are talking quite a bit of money. A lot of the asphalt, the reason it fails is because of the freeze and the thaw and the moisture underneath it. By the

time you take it out and put a base in it is substantially expensive. I think asphalt is over \$100.00 a ton now.

Jonathan Wright stated we are getting a lot of complaints about parents smoking on the side lines, is there anything that can be done or should be done or could be done about people smoking like chimneys at youth soccer events on the side lines. Member Kovach answered that is something you would have to control with your Board. You can't smoke inside public buildings but we have nothing on the books as far as smoking in parks. You could have your own rules within that, if they were parents or relatives of your youth group that is one thing but if it is just somebody walking through the park or walking a dog – you can't do anything. Mayor Bring stated Pat just had a good idea, if we issue you a permit then they are in control of what they have going on that day so you could probably make your own home rules. Superintendent Hastings advised enforcing it would be tricky. There was a brief discussion. Mayor Bring advised it is a very difficult thing. Superintendent Hastings stated designated smoking area.

Mayor Bring stated Jerry's lawnmower was just repaired and is ready to go. So he will be out there working on those getting them cleaned up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: *above.*

Memorial Parks: Mayor Bring advised still looking at getting some type of a sign so we will be working on that.

Neighborhood Parks: *above.*

Lakefront Parks: Superintendent Hastings advised we have a triathlon or marathon of some sort coming in August, it is a swim/bike event. We will actually have to shut down the boat traffic that day and the Coast Guard would be involved. Mayor Bring advised they swim out about a mile and a half and then swim back a mile and a half.

Lakewood Beach Park: **None.**

Community Boat Launch: *above.*

GRANTS, GIFTS & AWARDS:

Brookside Bike Trail/Covered Bridge: Mayor Bring advised some discussions that Pat and I were having is the new part of the trail over there with the walkway over top of the wetlands there is possibly covering that too. We are going to find out if we have any money left over for this year's and maybe looking at doing that. Are you going to do anything with the rest of the trail there as far as the dirt?

Superintendent Hastings answered no it is pretty much graded off. Mayor Bring continued the covered bridge, the group is going to plant some flowers there. We

are going to probably put some more benches over there. As you look at that we are probably going to do the front entry of the water way there and clean that up and maybe put some rocks to make that look better. Then facing off of Lake Road, the right hand side there filling most of that area in with wood chips. Last year most of that was all poison ivy, so Pat and I were talking about covering that up with wood chips and making that a little bit nicer so you can walk on that and be able to enjoy it. That will be done sometime in the near future here. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated who is doing the flower planting for the bridge there? Superintendent Hastings answered that is coordinated with the Girl Scouts actually. They will do several projects from painting fire hydrants to doing that little covered bridge. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated I think it would be great to promote them on Facebook, that they are doing these things. Superintendent Hastings answered I just had that conversation today because I work with you and we got a couple of those cab trailers coming with Girl Scouts. We are trying to coordinate quite a few things, get some road side cleanup along Lake Road, South Drive, Idlewood which are very notorious for garbage. Mr. Pawlyshyn stated if you want to put me in touch with the Girl Scouts, I can coordinate getting them some press on the Facebook site.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Farris/Second by Albaugh to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Yeas All.

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I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee
Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is
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Of April 20, 2015.

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