

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 19, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, October 19, 2015. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

\*Motion by Albaugh/Second by Prokay to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Designated Skate Areas:** Mayor Bring advised it says designated skate areas but what we are going to do is when we get down to 9 and 10 I am going to let Pat kind of talk about those couple of things; 9, 10 and 11. Right off the bat I will tell you that I think I had mentioned to you Jim a number of months ago that there was a possibility of us getting some money from somebody that had left to the parks. Well we received a check the other day for \$146,885.00. So that will be in the parks account so we will be actively doing some things. I don't want to just spend just because we have money but it is a wonderful thing and we will have to recognize that family with some type of a plaque and do some stuff such as a proclamation. She had passed away and left this for the parks and that was very nice of her to do that. So we at least have a little bit of money to work with now. Next year as we progress with all this stuff we will look at doing some pavilions and a few other things and also how we can utilize some of that money. Like I said I don't want to just start just because we have it to go out and start blowing it. You guys should start talking about this and I will give you some of the ideas that I have and we will go from there.

**Memorial Parks:** Mayor Bring advised Memorial Park I think it was a great success and I don't know if any of you have seen that. There was over a couple hundred people there and it was very well organized and they put a ton of work into that park, 90% of that was all either donated or volunteer people that did the park. I think it came out very well and we had a great reception with that and I think that what it was done for was the Veterans and there were several Veterans

there. They all had tears in their eyes, it was a really good thing and we want to kind of do more of that stuff so that gets recognized. It was a good thing that you let them proceed with that and it worked out really good. Member Kovach asked are we leaving that stage there? Mayor Bring answered that stage was actually made out of treated lumber, it was actually a treated deck and I want to leave that there. The purpose of that is if we do have any more dedications or anything like that or some of the Veterans Groups wants to have talks there. Member Kovach added it would also be used for the Memorial Day. Mayor Bring advised for the guys when they do the 21 gun salute for Memorial Day because a lot of times they were standing in wet grass or mud – this will be there permanently as that is indoor/outdoor carpet with treated lumber so it shouldn't rot so there should be no problem. We still have a power outlet there that we trenched over there. Member Kovach stated that is why I asked because I was over there yesterday and I didn't pay any attention to that box a week ago but it was attached to the deck and locked shut so it wasn't going anywhere. Mayor Bring advised we originally talked about bringing that one stage over there but it really wouldn't have worked for that and we were kind of afraid with the people that we had there that we did something permanent and it costs very little money. So that is done and that is going to stay there. Like I said I think it worked out very well and I think that everybody that was involved in it enjoyed that. I have had several people call me and said that was way overdue.

***Neighborhood Parks/Lakefront Parks/Grants, Gifts & Awards:*** Superintendent Hastings stated first off; what otherwise would have been a presentation but the gentleman wasn't available tonight. The Mayor and I visited Kurtz's Brothers and Mark Cudin who is on a committee that wishes to get approval from the Park Board to install a Memorial area if you will at Shell Cove Park. He actually had a display of it in their storefront there. The Board viewed diagram of memorial proposal. Superintendent Hastings advised the idea behind it is a memorial to all of the alumni of Brookside High School so it would affect obviously both Sheffield and Sheffield Lake. It would involve pavers on the base and then around the exterior of it would be a raised wall with a flat stone top that would otherwise be used for seating and lighting underneath that as well. It would be a joint effort and that the city would probably go in and excavate with your approval. A concrete base so that it would be weed free, always smooth and perfectly placed, reinforced rebar and then through volunteer efforts and fund raising that they have already initiated a group would come in and build this. It would also include landscaping on the size that you see and then the bulldoze accent blocks on the front which are a rounded block can be removed and expanded should it become necessary as time goes on. But it looks fantastic there on display, first class presentation but unfortunately he had a conflict in the schedule. So this evening on his behalf I

would like the Park Board's approval on this proposed project. It would potentially be started, at least the base this fall and then more than likely the pavers and such placed in the spring. Then the city would also trench power to the site because of the under-lighting in it as well. So that is something that we would appreciate your consideration on this evening. I would certainly answer any questions if you have any before we move on. Chairman Lewis asked are we talking about low voltage lighting? Superintendent Hastings answered yes. Mayor Bring advised it is built like a little wall and it has got some shelving with the rocks and it kind of fits right in, it will all be downcast with low lighting, it will be very low to the ground. So it will not be blaring. Superintendent Hastings continued this is on the west side, you know the playground which will be past the house closer to the lake. There is a couple of benches there now that should be relocated and some consideration has to be given to the existing fence as you do not want to get too close to the edge there. Member Prokay asked do we know if there has been any feedback from those homeowners? Superintendent Hastings answered no this is all preliminary, I actually just met with the gentleman with the Mayor this week. That being said we have a co-operative effort there, I just met with that homeowner not knowing this was coming and they accessed the property to do some breakwall work. I know the Mayor knows him personally or has at least talked to him several times so I don't anticipate anything. It is a wonderful improvement, I don't think it would be a hindrance of any sort. But we can certainly advise them of our plans. Member Prokay stated so it shows the pavers in one corner there and then that concrete base, is there any talk about having activities there? Superintendent Hastings advised I think the idea is more of a quiet reflection/a place to go and sit. As you drive down Lake Road you will look and see this grand stonework and then it would provide you the opportunity to sit and reflect. Other than the initial ceremony commemorating its building I don't anticipate events if you will. It is only 30 feet wide X 14 initially and then those pavers are representative of the entire area. It is very consistent with the landscaping stones that you would see at Home Depots and Lowe's that people build these raised walls with. The good news is this is from a group of volunteers that in the trades and not only have access to this but professional installation experience. Member Prokay asked it is not going to cost us anything? Mayor Bring answered we are probably going to pay for the concrete. He is trying to even get donations for that but we told we would excavate it and at least pour the concrete if nothing else and then running the wire so it would probably cost us a little bit but overall most of it wouldn't cost us anything. Superintendent Hastings advised it is a 4-inch pour and I estimate the materials to the city should the Mayor decide to do it under \$700.00. I mean excavation and labor and we have all the equipment, we already have the manpower obviously. Member Prokay advised I am all for beautification. \*Motion

by Prokay/Second by Albaugh that we approve this plans for the Brookside Alumni Memorial Park proposal. Yeas All. Superintendent Hastings continued as far as Grants go I have several that I am working on one of which is a skate park. I gave you a drawing this evening that was prepared. I did meet with them beginning of October they flew in and we visited the site and there are a couple of options on the equipment itself. You can get the traditional black which you see in Avon and Avon Lake or they have a new product line which is this tan color which I kind of liked and had it printed out as that. That is certainly up to you but this is a preliminary plan. There was a discussion on the presented plan of where everything would connect a walking trail to our existing trail and again because of this grant it would through a series of kiosk that we will work with a couple of other organizations; schools and Karate Studio to create a healthy habitat both in nutritional guidelines as well as the existing playground in this skate park. I will have the completed and submitted by the end of November. Member Albaugh asked how close is that going to be to the trail? Superintendent Hastings answered if you can picture the existing little brick structure there which used to be the ice skating house many years ago it is just east of that. So from the trail you would walk past the existing playground and then in an open field is where that would be built. This would be up front. Chairman Lewis asked what does it cost? Superintendent Hastings answered this equipment alone is at \$57,000.00 and the grant is worth \$50,000.00 and then there is still concrete to pour so there is some overages and potentially a fence. The concrete came in at, depending on if we do some of the work which I intend to do – this quote is a little old but it is coming in at about \$3,000.00 if the city was to prep and provide the material. Because of its size 40 X 80 I prefer to use a professional finisher, they have the equipment that we don't plus the expertise. Mayor Bring quipped we wouldn't have to buy it if we poured it ourselves, all that other stuff – we would have our own ramps. Chairman Lewis asked is it a matching grant or just an outright grant? Superintendent Hastings answered it is just an outright grant of \$50,000.00 so the entire project; the signs are coming in at about \$1400.00. Chairman Lewis asked I presume we can use some of the money from the check that we just got right? Mayor Bring answered yes obviously we can. Member Kovach stated what you can do with that is you can use it as the lead money and then you can always get donations and not use it which would be my preference which is the way I have always worked. Mayor Bring stated I hope we have \$147,000.00 for the next 10 years as far as I am concerned, that is what we are trying to do is maintain it. Member Albaugh asked is this the same material that Avon Lake has? Superintendent Hastings answered the same material – yes. Member Albaugh asked did you ask what the upkeep is yearly or anything? Superintendent Hastings answered it is pretty low maintenance, 20 year guarantee and other then looking at some hardware annually

like you are supposed to do on playground equipment it is very low maintenance. Member Prokay stated I was just going to say we could probably enlist the students to raise money, I mean they are the ones that are going to benefit and they have wanted this for a long time. So I think this is something that we could definitely go to the schools and encourage the children to do some fund raising for the project. Superintendent Hastings concurred absolutely. Member Prokay asked is that something that you are already considering or something else? Superintendent Hastings advised the grant I admittedly I have to supply the grant as if it would be a finished product so I am trying to offset it with some the goals of the Administration with X amount of pavilions. I wrote a grant for a pavilion for Memorial Park theoretically saving that money and steering it towards a project like this. I am doing a couple of things like that with existing line items all of which are contingent on getting the grant. Now if this doesn't go through there is other grants through the ODNR that I can go after that they said were successful but Sheffield Lake has never applied for a mini grant and although it is very competitive I think that they will look at us favorably for trying. Chairman Lewis stated very good and I encourage you to keep going. Member Prokay concurred absolutely. Superintendent Hastings continued so the other grant I was going to tell you about which I just did in explaining this was Home Depot and it is a \$5000.00 grant for a pavilion that would be jointly built at the Memorial Park in a location yet to be determined but some of the equipment has aged so we could consider that but that is still in discussion phase. I will actually have the answer to that within 3 weeks I think. The final grant that I was forwarded from Rosa is a Coastal Erosion if I recall correctly and it is up to \$500,000.00 but it is matching. However, on the smaller scale it does promote public access improvements to the lake and where our deck was recently reviewed and determined has aged and maybe needing some attention I was considering and I have yet to talk to the Mayor yet because I just got this work on the gabions down there which are the caged rock structures that protect the breakwall which were put in in the 70's. So they are aged although in good shape but I could coordinate all of that and the replacement of a deck I was going to write a grant for that as well. But that would require a match and I need to discuss that further with the Mayor as well as get your approval but I have until December to submit that. Chairman Lewis asked but the match can be labor? Superintendent Hastings answered some of it can be in-kind, sure. A good size deck is not terribly expensive really. Mayor Bring advised which we do need to do because structurally as long as there is not a lot of people on it but we do have to look at re-enforcing that or whatever but it would be nice to tear it down and use some newer material and also the hangers and everything that they have now are much better design back when that was available. So put it together so it structurally sound and make it a little bit nicer and bigger. Superintendent Hastings

stated maybe even improve the access down to it because on a wet day it is a little tricky divorcing that grassy hill. Chairman Lewis stated very good.

**Lakewood Beach Park: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Albaugh/Second by Prokay to adjourn at 7:22 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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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

*James Lewis*

*and/or*

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

*Steve Kovach*

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Committee Of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is A true and exact copy of the Minutes of the Park Board Of October 19, 2015.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*