

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
November 16, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, November 16, 2015. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Lewis, Albaugh, Kovach, Gee, Mayor Bring

Absent: Prokay (excused)

Attending: Demo Board Gee

\*Motion by Albaugh/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** Debra Suarez, Sheffield Lake Civic Pride Committee stated just to let you know what we have planned and to also let you know that we would like to work with the Park Board in the future for some of the events that we have planned when we get our calendar straightened around in January. We have been at this now for a year. The next thing that we have planned is to do the tree lighting ceremony at Shell Cove Park and the Mayor and Tammy Smith have been very gracious as far as helping us. Pat Hastings as well has been very helpful with that kind of last minute thing. We have plans now that we have been through this a year to have a better sense of what is going to happen in the upcoming year and we just wanted to let you know that we would like to work with Board to get some of those things accomplished. Chairman Lewis asked do you have a list of events for the upcoming year? Mrs. Suarez answered we are actually going to do that probably in January, we are working right now on the tree lighting ceremony and then we are planning meet in December to try to get our calendar together but it will probably be a repeat of what we did last year. We helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, we helped with the parade last year. We helped work on the parks along the lake and then we did the Halloween decorating contest and now we are doing the tree lighting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. So I think we are going to try to stick with those events again and help out where we can but we don't want to over extend ourselves until we can get a bigger group of people. Member Kovach asked do you have a date set for your tree lighting? Mrs. Suarez answered it is the 28<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after Thanksgiving and we actually a make-up date of the 19<sup>th</sup> if it is rainy or snowy lake weather and that is at 4:30 pm. So if anybody could come we would be happy to have you there. Mayor Bring asked are we going to use real bulbs or what are we going to put on that tree this year? Mrs. Suarez answered people are making

animal friendly biodegradable ornaments to put on the tree. The Girl Scouts are doing that and I think the little ninja's from the Scorpion School are doing that as well. I don't know if Pat will get some of those beforehand but whatever we get we will put on the lower part of the tree. Some people are collecting bows to put on as Pat is putting the lights up. We can put those up as well.

***PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:*** addressed above.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Designated Skate Areas:*** addressed below.

***Memorial Parks:*** Rosa Gee, 272 Gayle Drive advised I am here representing Veterans Memorial Park. On Veterans Day at 6 pm we had 47 attend our very first dedication of laying the flags to rest, it is a service with the Girl Scouts and some of our local Veterans gathered and we retired the American flags the proper way by reading the name off of a lost comrade and then burning the flags. Since that event and that was our very first attempt in the park at the event. It was well attended and the Girl Scouts really enjoyed it as did the Veterans. The Mayor, Mark Erdei and myself were there along with parents of all the Girl Scouts. We talked then about – it looks like we want to do this a couple of times a year at the park. So in turn we were talking about doing a built-in grill type device that we could be burning the flags with. We used a barrel this time, even though after we were done we filled it with sand but I want to say maybe 16 hours later was still hot enough that it couldn't be moved. We weren't even able to get it out of the park until probably about 5 pm the next day. It really looks like we will be looking into building some permanent structure in the park. As far as the Veterans Memorial Park account we have roughly somewhere around \$1000.00 in it right now. Part of that goes to pavers, more people are still ordering pavers and we are also trying to have the money built up to put a World War I memorial in the park. Mayor Bring advised we want a professional to do that because the park looks so much better right now. We were just talking about because we were standing around, I think that making something permanent and nice will just enhance that park even more. The Girl Scouts had a lot of fun and were very well behaved and it worked out really well. It was actually a beautiful night too. Member Gee concurred it was like a camp fire atmosphere, really warm and the girls were polite and happy. Mrs. Gee advised we served hot chocolate and cookies, not girl scout cookies.

***Neighborhood Parks/Lakefront Parks/Grants, Gifts & Awards:*** Mayor Bring advised just to let you know that the pad has been poured at Shell Cove Park for the Alumni Memorial and that is finished. I know that Mr. Kudrin was over there

today so I would imagine that they are going to start to proceed with that. They are going to try to get as much done before it gets really bad out. I don't know if you guys have been by Guenther Park over there, we did have that paved over there and we put the handicap decals in. Then underneath the pavilion they took the asphalt and put a coating on that. So it looks a little bit better. I don't think we have done much else lately here. But we do have for next year, hopefully we get lots of plans here and we will start talking to you guys and seeing how we can proceed. Chairman Lewis stated I know at the last meeting the Superintendent said he had several grants that he is working on. Mayor Bring stated we are still looking to do the skate park and there is the one grant we had for the pavilion through Home Depot we did get denied because obviously there was a large amount of people/cities trying to get that grant so we were denied on that one which we kind of expected. We sat talking the other day, he is looking into doing some more things. The thing now is that we actually have some of that money so we can do some matching grants which we never had a chance to go after before which is nice. We have been in contact with several organizations looking into how we can utilize. Chairman Lewis asked are we going to do a proclamation for that money last month. Mayor Bring answered we probably will and we are going to do something probably at Shell Cove when we do that. Also Jim Kolleda who lives next to Shell Cove over there donated \$8,000.00 to that Alumni Memorial and he also made a comment that if we needed more money than he would donate more money for that. So we are going to send him a letter and thank him. That was totally unexpected and what we are going to do in speaking with Mark Kudrin is just make it a lot nicer. We are going to see if we can expand that a little bit too. They did pick up that check. I told we had discussions with county about developing along the lakefront but I also talked to them about the bike trails and several other things. As far as being an information center along the bike path to talk about the trails and everything else. Maybe a pier or something like that or maybe even a marina. So there is several things in the works and we will see how that works out. We passed a resolution for a block grant and it is non-matching funds. We keep doing as much as we can. This is all just things we are talking about, so we see if they even get the grant. Member Kovach stated how long before you pull the docks out? Mayor Bring answered we can get that at any time but last year at this time we had 4 inches of snow on the ground. We are going to let it ride out as long as we can. Let the guys enjoy it. Mayor Bring stated first thing in the mornings there are boats out there, the other night late they were out there. According to some of the guys I have been talking to the fish just started biting really well. Chairman Lewis stated the perch have just started biting, the walleye have been so, so. I got 6 today.

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

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,

\*Motion by Lewis/Second by Albaugh to adjourn at 7:18 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 November 16, 2015.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*