

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, April 18, 2016. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Lewis, Albaugh, Kovach, Gee, Mayor Bring, Superintendent Hastings
Attending: Councilperson Gee

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Albaugh to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Yak Shak – permit for use of Boat Launch 2016. Permit is attached and Superintendent Hastings advised she is hoping to use it every Friday. Chairman Lewis stated it looked like it went well last year. Mayor Bring advised they are growing but she had emailed me and I passed it along. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the permit for the use of the Boat Launch by the Yak Shak for the summer of 2016. Yeas All.

MAYOR/PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Superintendent Hastings advised the *skate park* and the healthy habitat's grant is moving forward. We have ordered some equipment and have locked down the dates for concrete installation in June and I am finishing up with the schools and their committee on some of the signage/wording and so forth. We will be ordering that. So that is moving along well. It was mentioned at the last meeting about an interest in a splash pad and I did a little preliminary research and those are actually coming in at over a quarter million dollars; \$300,000.00 which is very expensive. But I told you I would look into it so I did. Mayor Bring advised plus the maintenance and everything else on it. If we were a very wealthy community and we had a good area to put that in, we could entertain that but we have got so many other things to do right now so I think that is one of those things to put on the back burner and move on with our other projects. Superintendent Hastings stated I am still waiting to hear on the deck from the Coastal Management and that should be awarded I think the beginning of June if not the middle of May. So hopefully that will be favorable. The only other thing that I wanted to report is I believe most of you are familiar with Jonathan Wright and I have been working with him on different themes or equipment and so forth in the parks. One of which because of bicycling and cycling through Sheffield Lake has become so popular to maybe introduce some equipment down at Erie Shore Park. There is several different

themes that you can do as far as equipment that you can repair your bike, tires and things like that. I will give a more formal presentation if it is something that the Board would like to entertain. I don't know if you wanted to have a theme like that but it seemed pretty interesting and we are getting more and more requests for the bike trail to be maintained with them providing dates when they are coming through. Member Kovach advised when we originally talked several years ago was putting up a small kiosk there; informational type kiosk in that particular park. Superintendent Hastings stated that is there actually. Member Kovach stated I guess this would be an expansion of that, I am not quite sure. Are you going to have a small assembly stand or area? Superintendent Hastings answered I just recently got some of the things associated with it but yes they have benches, stands, hydration stations. You know sometimes you can put your bike on these and whatever they do to tweak their brakes and wheels and so forth. But it is very inviting but it is more of a theme. Member Kovach asked it doesn't sound like there is a lot of cost to something like that? Superintendent Hastings answered well the equipment is not cheap, I would summarize it in the \$5000.00 range for a nice setup. Member Kovach stated in comparing apples to oranges and what you just stated about that splash zone. There is a cost to it but that is inexpensive for what you are providing. Superintendent Hastings stated right huge advantage and it is State Route 6 is a nice visual to put some real themes. Chairman Lewis advised I would like to hear more about it. Superintendent Hastings concurred I will put it together. Mayor Bring concurred I think it is a great idea. We have those people that use the bike path now is tenfold from what it used to be and there are people that break down and there is no place for them to go or repair their bikes and you see along the road but I think it is a great idea.

Mayor Bring advised the Boat Launch, the sand and I know Jim is probably interested in that. We did take a look at it and there is not as much sand in there as in the past but we are still going to have them clean that out. So we did contact that person just so everybody knows. We are going to be a little later than we thought but it will get cleaned out and then we will put the docks back in and let people start using that Boat Launch again. Chairman Lewis stated I don't think Avon Lake docks are in either. Mayor Bring answered they are in the process of cleaning it out, they spent a tremendous amount of money on that. Ours is not anywhere near that. Chairman Lewis stated I know but I am just saying their docks aren't in either. Mayor Bring stated the bad news, we had 1 Park employee and that employee has come down with a medical issue and he is going to be out for an extended period. So we have some guys that are stepping up and we are looking to actively hire a person to take his place and some of the other guys kind of chiming in and doing some of that work. So we are going to be about 3 weeks out to where we are going to have another person taking care of that. I will bring that to Council

and I will probably discuss that a little bit more tomorrow at Worksession. Chairman Lewis asked is he going to be permanently out or just temporarily? Mayor Bring answered hopefully not, with HEPA laws and those things I am not going to tell you what is going on but like I said he does have a medical issue and it is just unfortunate. He is a very hard worker but things happen as we get a little older.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: addressed above.

Memorial Parks: Member Kovach stated my only question would be is there any thoughts on any additional enhancements to Memorial Park this year? Member Gee answered we are waiting on that, we are checking into a Harley Davidson, they want to help and we are waiting to hear from them. They want to do a monument. Councilperson Gee advised we will be sometime before Memorial Day, we will be adding the rest of the pavers that have already been bought and ordered. We are also going to be clearing up any of the plaques that need to be replaced. We are getting the bedding for the flowers that are already in existence there and we are still waiting to hear back on anything about adding the World War I memorial. Mayor Bring added also the thing for the flags, we are probably going to do something for that for the burning. Councilperson Gee advised I have got the flags for that. Mayor Bring concurred but we have to put something together to make it look a little bit nicer over there.

Neighborhood Parks/Lakefront Parks/Grants, Gifts & Awards:

Shell Cove Park: Mayor Bring advised the gentleman that was using the park to have access at ***Shell Cove Park***. I believe Mr. Hastings had talked to him, I think he has got another 2 or 3 weeks? Superintendent Hastings answered about 10 days. Mayor Bring continued about 10 days to use that and then he is going to remove that gravel and then we are going to move forward with the Class Memorial over there. The gentleman that was doing that has been talking to Mr. Hastings about moving forward, I think he wants to put a path in and some other amenities there. So if anybody ask there is some stuff there that is all going to get removed and replaced back to its original state.

Bike Trail: Mayor Bring stated there was a lot of dead trees and everything so we had a lot of those cut down. We still have a lot of debris and excess wood along that. With all of the projects that we have going on, we haven't had a chance to go back there. We went back I think 2 or 3 days but we have another couple 3 days to get that cleaned up a little bit better over there. I have been going down there almost every night and there has been a tremendous amount of people using that too. We need to keep that clean and get that looking a lot better and putting some flowering trees and some other stuff there. I don't know what we are going to do

this year for the money we get for the recycling, if we are going to add any more equipment over there or what we are going to do. But those benches and stuff that we put down there, I see a lot of people using that. The elderly walk their dogs and sit and enjoy nature. That bike path gets used a lot so we want to make it look a lot better too. The kids in the neighborhood are aware of that, I did talk to some of the kids on the bike path. They are actually anxious to get it going and they are excited. Superintendent Hastings advised part of that grant does include basketball goals, the Mayor and Jerry and I had all talked prior to and some of the other basketball courts are in serious need of attention. So I am going to be replacing those goals as well.

Member Kovach advised with Lisa not being here and I knew she wouldn't be here this evening so I am just passing on that she is in the process of working on the picnic and she will give probably one or two more reports on that before June happens.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Albaugh to adjourn at 7:15 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

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 April 18, 2016.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso