

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
May 16, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, May 16, 2016. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**MAYOR/PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

Mayor Bring advised I don't know if anybody has been by Ferndale Park lately where we did the digging, we are going to put that skate park thing on top of that to extend the bike path over there and actually bicyclist can use that too. That is getting used over there a lot. We have been moving a lot of dirt over in that area behind Ferndale and we are going to continue doing more of that and probably add some leaves and some other stuff for people to use in their gardens eventually. He advised with Jerry being out, we have had some of the other guys taking care of the parks and I think that they are actually doing very well. One gentleman that is taking care of that had his own lawn service and he seems to be taking quite a bit of pride in what he is doing. If you look at the parks he is doing a very good job and we always took it for granted that Jerry took care of the parks and did such a nice job. This other young man is doing just as good as he does and it has been nice that we don't have to worry about that. If you look at Guenther Park, the soccer field is looking really good and they have done a nice job over there. At Gary Green Park, we will putting that pavilion up pretty soon and hopefully before this is all set. Member Prokay stated I went ahead and designated Guenther Park again this year for the picnic. Mayor Bring stated the weather has been hit and miss here lately, obviously we had snow on Saturday or Sunday and we have had a lot of rain. So this weather has been crazy but the guys are trying to get done as much as they possibly can over there. But in addition to that, one gentleman we just recently hired Scott has been doing a very good job. He is the one that is digging over there on Ferndale Park and if you look at some of the stuff he does, he is very good at what he does. We have numerous other things that we have been looking into but nothing that I can report on right now. Member Prokay stated I know you said it is in a good well-lit area where some of this stuff is going in but are we

having cameras put in there as well? Mayor Bring advised on the area in question. Member Prokay advised I gave you each a copy of the letter that I sent out to some of the sporting goods stores and I will follow up on suggestions that you made. One of the things that I am realizing as I am getting responses to the letters is that a lot of them are looking for some kind of an organized group that they could then go ahead and sponsor. So I am trying to see if I can get people to show interest in perhaps starting some kind of a volleyball league. I think I talked about this before but I had sign-up sheets last year and last year we had better show than the year before and I am hoping for a better show this year and maybe we will get some people to show some interest. Any ideas on who I might approach and I have gone into what used to be the Pit Stop, what is that bar called now? Mayor Bring answered Dock's Tavern. Member Prokay stated I have gone in there and I will go back there and I will try Risco's and see if maybe they would be interested in helping get the word out and maybe they might sponsor putting together a volleyball team. I am looking into Ohio Mobile Gaming for inflatables because I thought that would be something that would be fun for the kids and it is also very visible. If they see like a bouncy house or something like that that might attract them but I am looking at the prices and I would need to have somewhere around \$500.00. I was hoping that maybe we could get some money from the park fund that we received the donation from for me to go ahead and get that going? Member Kovach asked are you going to rent that? Member Prokay answered it would be a rental and I would get it for the day just for that and it depends as there are a couple of package deals. They have some combo packages that run about \$400.00 where they have like four different things that could be setup and they are responsible for sitting it up and taking it down. We certainly have the space at Guenther Park for something like that. Again I am just trying to get something visual for them. The regular donations that I get from the local vendors typically cover the food, the drinks; Rite-Aid always donates water, Brownie's, Bi-Rite, Apple's and Giant Eagle normally give towards the hot dogs and buns and all that stuff. Mr. and Mrs. Gee have donated before so that money typically goes to that but I would need something bigger to get the inflatables. Member Albaugh asked what if it rains do you still have to pay the \$500.00 even if you have to move the day? Member Prokay answered I left a message and I am waiting for a callback to see what would happen if it does rain, you know do you lose your deposit or I didn't know if anybody had any experience with Ohio Mobile Gaming? Mayor Bring answered we rented something of a smaller size for my granddaughter and obviously it didn't rain but they came out and blew it up and took it away but it was pretty neat. Member Prokay asked what was the name? Mayor Bring answered I don't know that was last year. Member Prokay stated okay if you think of it let me know. Mayor Bring stated the kids absolutely love it. Member Prokay stated in

terms of getting the word out, I have already distributed 500 something flyers at the Intermediate School and I still have more for the other schools. I thought and I won't be here for Pride Day unfortunately but I was hoping that somebody would be willing to maybe handout flyers on that day which is Saturday isn't it? Mayor Bring stated I think Rosa always shows up for that and she is always doing stuff. Member Gee advised yes she is always giving handouts. Mayor Bring stated if we can get a couple of those things, I will make some copies and we can have her doing that. Member Gee advised yes, she always goes to the cars and gives instructions where to take things. Member Prokay advised yes, she helped me last year at the picnic. Member Gee advised she would be glad to give the handouts. I guess the only thing would be if we could consider donating. Mayor Bring stated somehow we will figure it out. Member Gee advised a bounce house has a roof on it and I don't think that it would matter if it would rain or not, you could take your shoes off when you go in there. \*Motion by Lewis/Second by Kovach to approve \$500.00 for the picnic to order inflatables or whatever games we need for the small children. Yeas All. Mayor Bring stated one more thing that I forgot to tell you about which is the Boat Launch has been cleaned out and the docks are back in there.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Designated Skate Areas:*** addressed above.

***Memorial Parks:*** Mayor Bring advised Joe and Rosa Gee were both down there I think recently and you guys had some volunteers and cleaned up some of the old plants in getting ready for some mulch. I know that on the 21<sup>st</sup> with Pride Day we have got about 40 volunteers and I think that is when the parks are going to get done. Also the Boat Launch and some other stuff so that is one of the parks. I have had some very good comments from people that missed the rededication and people calling up and saying how nice that was. They are very pleased on the way that worked out, it is just ashamed more people haven't seen that and actually pay attention to that. We are very pleased with that.

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

***Erie Shore Park:*** Mayor Bring advised at Erie Shore Park we talked about that bicycle pump station and stuff and that is what Pat Hastings put together for you so he could show you how it would look. So bicyclist will be able to, if they get a flat tire or fix their tires or something happens to that they will be able to fix that at that station there. I think this would be a good idea as I have seen it several times when we have had people riding their bikes and they have broken down and they have no place to do any of that stuff so this would be nice. With that park where it is at, I think that would be a pretty good spot where nobody would mess around with that.

Member Kovach advised I only have one question on that illustration, maybe the arrow is in the wrong place but for the potential bike rack, it's not going to be in the middle of the drive? Mayor Bring answered no it won't be in the middle there. Member Kovach stated I kind of figured maybe it was just a misplacement on the arrow.

**Shell Cove Park:** Mayor Bring advised we allowed that gentleman to use that if you noticed that and he put that all back together and we graded off what we had to. We dug the trench for the power, so that area has power now and then the next step will be for the walkway and Pat and Mark Kudrin have been in conversations and they are also going to do the landscaping over there. We have also had some pretty good comments about that. There were some people complaining about it saying that the guy tore it all up and we put it all back together but that was actually his equipment. The only piece of equipment we had down there was the grader which was that yellow track excavator, the small one and the other pieces of equipment were that gentlemen's equipment so he put everything back together pretty nice. When that is all said and done that should be a very nice little addition to our city there.

**Bike Trail & Covered Bridge:** Mayor Bring advised they have been used extensively lately. I have actually been walking down that almost every day with my dog and the only problem is we have had a number of young adults down there that are misusing the bike path and actually being quite rude to be honest with you. They are being very vulgar and there is a lot of women walking their dogs, older couples walking and the kids are saying some bad things. I caught a kid yesterday trying to lift one of the manhole covers over there and kids are throwing rocks. We put that retention wall in in that one corner and we are not finished obviously but found a bunch of concrete stuff over there that they are throwing all in the creek and just being a mischievous. We told the police about it and they are going to start walking that obviously, I just want them to be warned but they have also damaged the other end of Ferndale Park where we had that walkway over top of that water right there. I just get so frustrated because you guys give the okay to do stuff and we had put all this effort into it and they seem to not care anymore. So it is very frustrating and we got numerous garbage cans over there and within 3 feet of the garbage cans there is cans, bottles and stuff thrown all over the place. I will tell you that I am not going to put up with it but again you want the kids to have some fun but that is just not having fun. So they were throwing rocks at the one piece of equipment over there the other day so we will address that.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Prokay/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 7:20 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*

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 May 16, 2016.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*