

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
June 20, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, June 20, 2016. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Lewis, Kovach, Gee, Mayor Bring

Absent: Albaugh, Prokay (excused)

Attending: Councilperson Gee

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Mayor Bring advised if you guys recall the young lady that came in here about a dog park “Bark for your Park”, we actually came in second for that but they actually sent out a new grant where you could apply with letters. I got Mr. Hastings working on that and we will actively go after that for that park. Member Kovach asked you mean as a submission from the city? Mayor Bring answered yes but obviously when you get the bigger cities and stuff like that and they have more votes than us, it is not the City of Sheffield Lake’s fault. We still came in second which was pretty good but this way it gives us a much better advantage as far as with the writing part of it. There was a brief discussion and was clarified we have a designated area, we have a high population, very condensed and we have a tremendous amount of people that have dogs. So it should be pretty easy to craft something up to send to them. There were a couple of people that we stopped because they were taking their dogs down to the beach by the Boat Launch and also at the end of Lakewood Beach. The one lady was yelling and screaming at us but we are going to end up putting a sign down there too stating there are no dogs or animals. The one person at the Boat Launch which was a classic because they walked right by the sign which we were watching the camera so they sent an Officer down there. They apologized and as soon as they came up and dog crapped right on the grass right in front of them. That Officer advised that is why no animals on the beach. They were very nice about it and they were from a different city but that is why they are not allowed on beaches. But at Lakewood Park beach those people are not happy with us saying that they can’t have animals on the beach. Member Kovach asked at Lakewood Beach, were you able to do anything

with the drop-off? Mayor Bring answered we haven't done anything yet but we will. Member Kovach advised I was just curious as people have been using it down there and the parking lot has been full of cars. They are working around it. Mayor Bring advised we have been very busy and we have had some people off sick. We did have a discussion, there was some people that came in off the boats about the boat launch not having any bathrooms there. So I will have Pat looking into some more of that and if nothing else we will look at a total cost and get an estimate for that for maybe next year. Obviously, this year is getting to the point where it is not feasible. By the time we get everything it wouldn't work anyways but next year we might be looking into doing something like. Chairman Lewis stated if you do that you should start charging for the boat launch then. Mayor Bring advised technically, when that was setup and we got our permits to do that, the ODNR said we are not allowed to charge. I will have to look into that if there was an expiration or limit on that mandate at that time. Chairman Lewis asked did the ODNR participate in the Miller Road Launch? They have a bunch of signs and they charge and I think ODNR was involved in the building of it. Mayor Bring advised I know when we did ours. Member Kovach stated it depends on how they wrote the grant too and what their financial participation was; city opposed to what ours was. Chairman Lewis stated I don't think they have any bathrooms there either. Member Kovach advised I think you are right.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: addressed below under Ferndale Park.

Memorial Parks: Mayor Bring reported we still haven't done anything for our plans that we talked about at the beginning of the year. That will probably be a fall project, working on some more stuff over there.

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

Guenther Park: Mayor Bring reported basically everything is alright over there. I did see something saying somebody complained that nobody is using that pavilion but that is totally untrue because when they are doing the soccer and everything else there people sit underneath that all the time. I go by in the evenings and people are sitting underneath that and enjoying that.

Shell Cove Park: Mayor Bring reported they have poured the walkway for the memorial, I don't know if anyone saw that. They have been doing some landscaping and a bunch of other things over there. That has been a slow process but obviously that is all volunteers with everybody doing that. But that looks really nice. We have not heard anything on that Coastal grant yet. I got an email from Mr. Hastings today that he forwarded it over there to get any information on that and I don't think we got a response back yet. We will be actively looking into that.

Ferndale Park: Mayor Bring reported the gravel has been put in for that pad for that pump track and the pump track has been delivered as of last Tuesday I believe. So it is sitting out in the Service Department area and the pad will be poured pretty soon and all the dirt and everything that was behind the park over there has all been leveled off. We added a tremendous amount of dirt there and after we leveled it off you could basically double that and it would be just about where it should be being level. It was very very low back there and we are going to continue to put some more stuff back there.

Gary Green Park: Mayor Bring reported if you look at the park, the pavilion has been started. They worked on it for two days and they got most of the structure up but will not be back until either Wednesday or Thursday of this week. They should finish probably by Friday or Monday at the latest. They had another job and we told them it wasn't that big of a deal, so that is going very well and then we will end up pouring the concrete at a later date after the build.

Erie Shore Park: Member Kovach asked are we anywhere with the bike stand/station? Mayor Bring answered I think that is coming to you guys for some kind of yea or nay. I will check with Pat but I think that is what it was.

Bike Trail & Covered Bridge: Mayor Bring advised the bike trail and everything else, we haven't done anything lately on that. In talking to Mr. Hastings today, the section between Ivanhoe and the Covered Bridge, that area there is getting overgrown and we are going to do something either this fall or probably spring next year. We are probably going to clean all that up and make that look nice, so we will address that but the rest of it looks pretty good over there. We are still getting a lot of use out of that, people are really enjoying that. There is a grant meeting coming up, an historical grant and I think that is on the 28th of this month. Pat and I are going to go to that and that is at Lorain County Community College. I think Senator Manning is sponsoring that and we are going to look into more with the trails. The creek that is over there, if you remember a long time ago the settlers that came in through the river and everything which were all named; Day Ditch and such. So a lot of the settlers came in through the waterways and we are going to promote it that way and maybe see if we can enhance all of that. Member Kovach advised you might want to talk to Ed Herdendorf. Mayor Bring answered I have everything and I gave Pat the book on all that. Member Kovach stated I am just saying if he is available involve him in it because he could put you to sleep with information that you need. Mayor Bring advised Mr. Herdendorf is the Historian who wrote a lot of the stuff that has happened here, when we had our Bicentennial he was a big part of that. If we can do something to enhance that area and possibly make another bridge of some sort, I think it would be worthwhile and then maybe go in for a few other things too.

Boat Launch: Mayor Bring advised we do have a Triathlon coming up again at the Boat Launch for one day, so that is coming up here in about a month.

Westshore Park: Member Kovach asked are you making any headway with the tree for that park outside of the Community Center? The land is parks and the building is the city and Mark kept asking about that? Mayor Bring stated we did approach the one thing and I actually went to Pandey's a week or so ago and I did look at a number of trees over there for \$500 and some dollars, there were some 12 footers over there. We would have to plant it but I think if we get the mini excavator we might be able to do that, so it would probably be almost \$1500.00. So we may try that and they had some really nice big trees there and the balls were about as big as a pickup truck but they were reasonably priced. I think they wanted \$2000.00 but that was planting it and everything else. Chairman Lewis stated I have seen kids using their skateboards on the boat ramp, I noticed today when I went by there that there was 6 or 7 kids out there. Mayor Bring advised if you see them just call, they are supposed to be watching the cameras because that would show up. We really don't want them down there because they could get hurt and then fall in the water. There is a sign there for that too.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Councilperson Gee stated considering this Saturday is the Picnic in the Park, has anyone heard any more on the inflatables? Chairman Lewis stated I have not heard anything. Mayor Bring advised I know Pat emailed Lisa to find out if he was supposed to get it or she was supposed to get it and I don't know what happened. But I know that they were communicating. Member Kovach advised she hasn't said anything to me. Councilperson Gee advised I got a hold of her husband yesterday or day before and she was out of state. Member Kovach advised she was at church yesterday. Councilperson Gee stated then she is back because I want to say I contacted to him Friday night or Saturday morning and he said she was still out of state and wasn't back in town. Member Kovach stated I would give her a buzz now if you want to because she was back yesterday and I had mentioned it to her, tomorrow night is Park Board and she said oh yea. I know she has got clients at what she does and she may have had some kind of a meeting tonight. Mayor Bring stated I will double check with Pat tomorrow morning. Member Gee stated I think she said they come out the same day as the picnic and put it up and take it back down. Mayor Bring advised they take it back down the next morning because we just had one for my granddaughter and that was actually pretty reasonable for as big as they are. They come out and sit it up, plug it in and then the next morning they take it down and haul it away.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee 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 June 20, 2016.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso