

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
August 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, August 15, 2016. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Lewis, Kovach, Prokay, Gee, Mayor Bring
Attending: Councilperson Gee

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:
discussion below.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: Mayor Bring advised obviously we got the pump track in, we are looking for grind rails. There is a little ramp which we required information about that. I forget, the total amount of what everything was but we are looking into purchasing that. We had a couple of kids emailed me asking for some of the stuff that we had talked about like the grind rails and everything. I told them that we were actively looking into it and they were excited so I think that when we get that we are probably going to purchase that and put that in to kind of finish that off a little bit over there.

Memorial Parks: Mayor Bring reported we haven't done a lot with the really hot weather, we did have a couple of plaques that were stolen, but we did recover I think 3 of them and I think 3 are still missing, is that correct Mr. Gee? Member Gee answered yes. Mayor Bring advised we did find a person that had them on him, but he did not have the other 3 in his apartment. So we are assuming they are somewhere in the neighborhood so the Police are actively looking for it. But Rosa said she can get those replaced, but the point is we don't really want to see that happening. It is one of the gentleman that has been walking through the neighborhood that we have had a lot of complaints about, he has got some issues. Member Kovach asked are you talking about the guy in the paper that he claims he has got a broken car? Mayor Bring answered no this is a different guy this is

somebody else. He continued Rosa had asked me about a camera at that park, I will get a cost, but I think just for that one camera is going to be between \$7000 and \$9000 because you have to have a separate router to go just for that. I will look into it just to get a price and bring it back to you guys. So we will go with that.

Lakefront Parks/Grants, Gifts & Awards:

Shell Cove Park: Mayor Bring reported they put some more landscaping down there. More under Grants, Gifts & Awards.

Erie Shore Park: **None.**

Westshore Park: discussed below.

Boat Launch: **None.**

Neighborhood Parks:

Guenther Park: Mayor Bring reported the Soccer Board has done a nice job with that. You know we have just been maintaining the parks and really again with this extremely dry weather we have had, we haven't been mowed or anything we have just been keeping up with the weeds because if you cut it too short it is just going to kill the grass.

Freedom Park: Mayor Bring reported we have started putting the hoops up in Freedom.

Gary Green Park: Mayor Bring reported we got two hoops for there so we are going to put those up. We are going to put the concrete underneath the pavilion down here this year too. We got a bid and I think it was \$6500, the first bid came in at \$9,000 so we got a local company that actually has a business in the City of Sheffield Lake to do for \$6500. So that will be getting done too.

Ferndale Park: Mayor Bring advised the pump track, we will probably store it in the winter time as I am thinking about doing a little skating pond so the pad that it is sitting over there can be used. Those things aren't that expensive to set that up and the kids can ice skate there. Member Kovach stated so similar to the one like Sheffield Village but a little smaller. Mayor Bring stated yes, so that the pad will be large enough to put that on there and I think it is a nice flat surface and something else for the kids to do.

Grants, Gifts & Awards: Mayor Bring advised our Superintendent Pat Hastings had applied for a coastal grant for that park (Shell Cove) and we just received that we did get that grant. So that is about \$85,000 to \$90,000 and our match for that is going to be right around \$20,000 so basically we would be ahead by \$65,000. So we are probably going to come to the Park Board to ask permission to move some of that money from that lady Rita from the donation and see if we can't move that over there to move this for the grant. Member Kovach asked is he proposing a new

deck, what we proposed? Mayor Bring answered yes a new deck along with a new boardwalk and then handicap accessible and with that the other gentleman who did the other part of the park wants to do more landscaping where the hill is right there and goes down and goes into the lake, we want to tier that down and landscape all that. With that grant and with what is going on here that park is going to absolutely beautiful. Member Kovach concurred where it should be. Mayor Bring advised the deck that is out there right now I was built in 1988 or something, it is just way overdue. So we are going to have to get an engineer to do some more drawings on it. I did the first set of drawings when we did the grant that we sent in and obviously I am not an engineer, but it did pass and everything else but we would like to petition the Park Board for us to do that and I will have Pat get some more information for you. They were supposed to have awarded those grants I think the first part of July we have been waiting so we have a year to get that project done. I don't know if it was from the time it was awarded or the actual time that they were talking about awarding it. They were a couple of months behind. Member Prokay stated so the \$20,000 or \$25,000 we would have to put up to complete what it would cost. Mayor Bring explained the total amount is \$85,000.00 but our part it was around \$20,000.00. Member Kovach stated that is our match, it is not a matter of completion. It is a \$100,000.00 grant and if you want the grant it is \$80,000 from them, you match it or the grant goes somewhere else. That is the bottom line. Mayor Bring advised there were 20 applicants and 7 were awarded. Member Prokay stated it doesn't necessarily mean that that is how much it is going to cost to build that deck? Mayor Bring answered, oh yes, that is how much it is going to cost. We did a lot of research on this and sat down and figured out all the particulars. Member Kovach advised it is going to be well worth it for that especially just for what it is going to do for that park on the lakefront. Mayor Bring stated what we ought to do is extend that deck out a little bit more so it would be more of an observation so people can walk out there and see that. There were already people down there taking pictures because of how nice it is and this will just enhance this. I think that you will probably see people with having wedding pictures and stuff. The kids with homecoming, special events also down there taking pictures. The general population, people just stop by that park all the time. Member Prokay added just to watch the sun set. Mayor Bring continued it is funny because I was down there the other day and several people were there and they asked permission to come over and see the brick work and stuff. I told them this is a park and they didn't realize it and thought they needed permission. It is definitely making an impact and there were a lot of people down there.

Bike Trail & Covered Bridge: Mayor Bring reported the bike trail, covered bridge and the trail that are going to the pump track, Griffith Paving is going to pave that so that will be finished off. They had a project to do and I think they are coming

back either the end of this week or beginning of next week. Chairman Lewis stated you were going to put exercise stations in on the bike trail. Mayor Bring answered yes and we are still going to do that also. Chairman Lewis stated that will be great and that will be good for old people too. Member Kovach stated we used to have those stations over at Freedom on the trail there, it has now pretty much come apart, but there were like several stations at that park at one time. Not quite as extravagant as the ones up at the park in the Village but you know something similar to that on a smaller scale as it was put in as a walking trail. Member Gee asked have we ever looked into bike rentals like they have in Cleveland, where it is easily setup where you could rent a bike for a couple of hours and then return it. Mayor Bring stated no but I did see that and I think that is a good idea too. The problem would be maintaining it or having somebody run that would be the only thing, we would have to look into that. Member Prokay stated well that could be part of the rec center or the Community Center it could be a fee or have somebody volunteering their time. Mayor Bring stated we had a lot of stuff going on and everything is coming forward now, so once we get a lot of this finished off then this fall we could start actively looking at more things. Member Prokay stated what is going to happen with the Bowling Alley, wasn't there something going on with that building? Mayor Bring answered you would have to ask Council that because that is a different committee and this is Park Board.

Member Kovach advised I have been to both of the basketball courts and although they are not a perfect surface, but, I think, and this is just food for thought that perhaps if we used the patching machine to flatten or even seal and then which I have seen in other parks where you can get the matting like for a stage and you actually lay a basketball court out with it. I think it would be a lot more cost efficient then repaving. Like I say I think it has got a good solid base and I think we would get a lot of use out of it. Mayor Bring stated that is not a bad idea, I will have to check into that and see what the costs is. Member Kovach stated where I saw it was over at the Brooklyn recreation and I saw this years ago, they have got like an outdoor, it is like a field hockey. They have got so many of these, they have basketball courts and tennis which they have a lot of room for it. I guess it is tied to their rec center, but it is like an outdoor thing, but I don't think it would be cost prohibitive if we straighten those poles out and I think we would get a lot of use of those two. The one over at Guenther, that was a loss cause all-in-all. But the other two I think like I say I went over there and yes they got some grass growing through but small cracks. They are still pretty level and not broken and lifted and shifted.

Member Prokay stated have we ever checked to have an actual recreational center here with a swimming pool. Mayor Bring answered several million dollars. I talked about taking and moving the Fire Department over to the Bowling Alley and just to

do that building is like 3.5 million dollars just for that. So it would be pretty extensive. So by the time you put the structure up and put that all in, I think Avon Lake spent a million something just for the pool. Councilperson Gee stated I thought it was 2.1 million. Member Kovach stated first off it is space prohibitive, I don't know where you would do that with the parks that we have and then secondly costs prohibitive. Mayor Bring advised now that we are getting into these grants and stuff, nothing is off the table as far as looking at all that stuff and they are looking to get the kids out to be active and exercise, etc. I mean that is how we got the pump track because they want the kids to be active so we will be looking into anything we possibly can to do something like that.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Councilperson Rosa Gee, 272 Gayle asked was the Christmas tree discussed? Mayor Bring answered Pat and I are going to go either tomorrow or Wednesday to probably purchase that, but it will probably take 3 weeks to get because I just stopped and talked to the gentleman and he said he wants to wait for the weather to cool down. Member Kovach concurred I was going to say I wouldn't be moving that until it cools off. Mayor Bring stated he said it will stress the tree out too much. Councilperson Gee stated I would appreciate it and I am sure many residents would appreciate it if the Park Board would keep an open mind about doing more of these things at our Community Center that we already have. It is a great location with plenty of parking on it and there is some stuff already there and I would really like to see the Park Board move forward and do a little more there. Member Kovach stated that would come under the guise of the Community Civic Center, Park Board is responsible for the outside of it. Councilperson Gee stated that is what I am bringing up to you, the interior I already brought up to them – it is the exterior. There is plenty of opportunity there right now. Member Prokay stated do you have something in particular in mind? Councilperson Gee answered, I see a use for the youth. This summer we saw the Karate School has an event over there and it was quite successful and this is the third summer the crafts in the park has been done over there. More for the children can be done, inside we had the drama one time, but there is plenty outside and the kids toys outside are being neglected at this point. Maybe if there is any toys being removed or playground equipment being moved from anywhere else, maybe it could be considered to put it over there, just a suggestion. Mayor Bring stated, we probably will be looking at Shell Cove and replacing that equipment with newer equipment over there so we will probably will have some to move.

August 15, 2016 Park Board

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Kay Fantauzzi

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 August 15, 2016.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso