

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
October 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, October 17, 2016. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

Superintendent Hastings advised I was going to follow up with last month's meeting. I had mentioned that I would bring a rendering of some improvements at Freedom Park. I just submitted a letter of intent for another grant for next season and reached out to the Girl Scouts as well as the Pride Committee. Basically, we are trying to get three collaborative partners to expand the Craft Program that is at the Community Center and reintroduce it out into the parks like it used to be some years ago and do it at the parks with pavilions. So, we currently have two and we



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would propose a third here at Freedom and then as part of the grant we are saying that we would like to improve the playgrounds at each of the three parks with the Craft Program would be. So Freedom would be probably one of the best examples of forty plus year old equipment being removed and replaced. This grant would help with the playground equipment in that park and Guenther Park also I believe is probably forty years old and part of a bigger plan would be to remove that older equipment and maybe centralize the new equipment and expand the soccer area which they indirectly have goals for that. That is neither here nor there. Then the third park; Gary Green which currently has a pavilion would be our last spot for the Craft Program and in that park where the playground is new we are exploring a small scale splash pad or something new, to not only get the kids there and learn about nutrition and crafts and so forth but also participate in activities;

playground and so forth. So the letter of intent went out Friday and I have a meeting with them the first of November and then we have until January to write the grant so that is where we are with that and I am hopeful that everybody is on board with that. It has indirectly been brought up, bits and pieces of that and the Mayor mentioned that going after a grant for it would probably a good approach for the city. Mayor Bring advised I think that as you look at the city trying to improve the parks, when you are going for grants and Mr. Hastings types in money available the parks come up one of the first things because they want to cities improve those things. To be honest with you we have had these parks basically sitting idle for years with just grass on them and part of the thing that I have been hearing for the last 5 or 6 years and even before that but kids having nothing to do and I think the more we do like this will be the more that families will enjoy the city. If you go down to Ferndale you are starting to see a lot more activity and the kids are enjoying themselves, I saw 5 girls playing basketball the other day. So I think that is the kind of things we want to do and I know that it seems like we are going after a lot of the parks but again I think it is a huge benefit for the city plus it is just good for the kids. Superintendent Hastings advised yes park grants are plentiful. Member Kovach concurred they have always been easier to get. Superintendent Hastings advised the city was successful for the water meter program, we had a grant for that and we have a grant for the road but they admittedly take a lot of work as they are very competitive. We did get some grants for communications for the Police and the Fire addition. So while the Mayor hammers me to spread it out I got to tell you like you said when I punch in a program, I get 50 opportunities for a park. I look for a water line and I get 2 and then the entire state is bidding on it. But that doesn't mean that we won't get them. I am convinced that the vision of the city as the Mayor and I discuss quite often as being a bedroom community with great recreations and great parks will really define us as we move in the future. So I will keep you updated on that. The other part of last month's meeting minutes is the city did receive and install the three additions to the Ferndale project which is grind rails and the grind box. I was on vacation over the weekend but I don't know if it is exaggerated but several of the guys at work told me that with the kids off they counted upwards of 50 people there on the day off. Chairman Lewis stated there had to be at least 30 on Sunday. Member Albaugh stated there is probably that much tonight. Superintendent Hastings stated that is exciting to me. It is a little disappointing because there is a couple of them there that are up to mischief and we have had a little graffiti and we have had bumpers that they continue to try to get off but we have zip-tied with some serious industrial strength so they are not succeeding. I would hate to see our efforts curtailed by a few bad apples but in all at least in my review. Member Kovach advised we have always been fighting that. Mayor Bring concurred but we

have some kiosks there and we are going to put a little note saying that if some of this mischief continues then we are possibly going to remove some of the equipment and that way maybe these kids will start policing themselves. Are we going to do that – no, but a few will ruin it for all the other ones that enjoying it. Member Kovach stated I think one of the easier ways is what I suggested last month last month and I don't know if you had any luck looking into those panels for the basketball courts. The reason that I say that is that is when you can get those kids, it is an easy project to put together and you have them help do it and then they are going to be the ones that protect it. Superintendent Hastings concurred yes to take ownership I agree. I did look up in the notes for your recommendations on where it was but admittedly I used some vacation last week, so I didn't get that far. I have been pursuing research on taking down the pump track and installing an ice rink of some sort that the Mayor wanted to pursue. So I finally got some good leads on that, it is a little challenging because even though the concrete pad provides a perfect environment for it most of those things are designed to be staked into the earth. So I have been having trouble finding but finally did actually through a company that provides bracing that can be put on a pad like that. Member Albaugh stated someone had mentioned to me just because we are on the topic over there that there were some kids on top of that roof of that building over there and they were concerned about them getting shocked or whatever. Superintendent Hastings stated I just heard about that today as well and I had not a chance to tell the Mayor. That used to be an ice skating rink in front of that, it was a hole that was dug and that building was where we stored the equipment and it has baseboard heating. When I was a youngster that is where we hung out but other than that it is not used anymore. I know we were talking about cameras. Member Albaugh stated they were concerned about them getting electrocuted, I don't know if there is power still power going to that line or not. Superintendent Hastings answered absolutely and I don't know how they get up there truthfully. They must climb the very pole that they are going to get electrocuted from. Yes, it was mentioned to me today that there was quite a few up there, that was one of my discussion tomorrow with the Mayor on some options. Member Albaugh stated there is so much activity you just don't want to see something bad happen and making a negative effect on it. Superintendent Hastings stated you can almost consider removing the structure, I don't know I guess that is up to the collective group. Mayor Bring stated I can get the Police to do a little bit more activity around there. For a couple of weeks, I had them on the gator going up and down there, there were a lot of kids messing around on the bike path and it stopped that. So, I might just have them do this too. It depends on what the weather is going to do here, we have only a few more nice days and it is probably going to turn crappy. So, we will see, that is what our Police Department is for.

Superintendent Hastings advised the only other thing on the horizon that I had to report tonight is I will be attending another Coastal Management training session a little bit closer to us this time. The last time I was in Oregon Ohio but I was wanting to get everybody's opinion and I think it has always been one of our goals to pursue a grant for a restroom at the boat launch this time around. Chairman Lewis stated either that or a porta-potty but I would rather have a permanent restroom. Mayor Bring stated we might do that and maybe some ice and bait – stuff like that. Superintendent Hastings stated one of the options and actually you forwarded to me and I know the Mayor saw it is called the Portland Loo and it is a restroom that is built completely, very uniquely and creatively designed. It has louvers down low so that if somebody walks in there you see one set of feet. There is not the opportunity for several people to be in there, there is a single head in there; prison grade actually which is stainless steel and nothing fancy. You wash your hands outside of the unit and it has its own janitor storage area and it is heated so the water lines won't freeze and all that is installed. They are very expensive, I started working with the company and they come in at about \$120,000.00. Essentially you put your pad in and they come in and sit it there and it is done, if we can get it from a grant. Mayor Bring stated I think it is solar powered. Superintendent Hastings answered yes you have several options, whether it be solar or electric but we happen to have all the utilities down there. Chairman Lewis stated sounds good, I saw the sign on the bike repair station and it is a really nice sign. Member Gee concurred yes, very nice and I saw people using it, like the bikes upside down and stuff. Superintendent Hastings stated that is awesome. Member Gee stated it looks good. Superintendent Hastings concurred yes, it is first class, we have been working with a couple of designers on different amenities to that park; looking at gazeboes, some kind of shelter. Maybe not a big pavilion but something smaller scale but we have had a lot of compliments on that equipment. Chairman Lewis stated it is really nice.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Designated Skate Areas: discussed above.*

*Memorial Parks: None.*

*Lakefront Parks/Grants, Gifts & Awards: discussed above.*

*Shell Cove Park: discussed above.*

*Erie Shore Park: discussed above.*

*Westshore Park: discussed above.*

*Boat Launch: discussed above.*

*Neighborhood Parks: discussed above.*

*Guenther Park: discussed above.*

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**Freedom Park:** discussed above.

**Gary Green Park:** discussed above.

**Ferndale Park:** discussed above.

**Grants, Gifts & Awards:** discussed above.

**Bike Trail & Covered Bridge:** discussed above.

**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.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Kay Fantauzzi*

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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 October 17, 2016.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*