

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
February 20, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, February 20, 2017. 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, Sheila Kepic, Concerned Citizens

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR/PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Mayor Bring read Superintendent Hastings summary report into the record. However, due to technical difficulties did not record that portion of meeting but summary is attached to these minutes. He added if we have time too this year that walkway over there, we are going to put a cover over that too.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: None.

Memorial Park: None.

Lakefront Parks/Grants, Gifts & Awards: *discussed above and included in summary report.*

Shell Cove Park: *included in summary.*

Erie Shore Park: None.

Westshore Park: None.

Boat Launch: Mayor Bring advised a number of years ago, when they cleaned the boat launch out our Service Director let them put sand over top of those rocks. I have not been happy about that since it happened so we are probably going to look at taking a fire hose and maybe running across the road and washing all that off and making that look a little bit better. I don't know what your thoughts are? Member Albaugh stated I would say clean it up a little bit, it is an attraction in the city. Mayor Bring concurred we do have a lot of people using that and we are going to try to take care of the beach a little bit more. It depends on the amount of spring storms that we have. Member Kovach stated I understand that somebody tried to launch a boat over the weekend. Mayor Bring advised I don't know, they weren't successful? Member Kovach answered I don't think they were going to be

successful. It was going to be a heck of a drop. Mayor Bring advised I saw 4 or 5 boats out over the weekend. I don't know if Avon Lake has their ramps in or not. Chairman Lewis stated I think Hot Waters has theirs in but Avon Lake does not. Mayor Bring advised I think they have got sand over there too. Chairman Lewis advised Huron's is in but you can launch from that dock there.

Neighborhood Parks: *included in summary report.*

Guenther Park: *included in summary report.*

Freedom Park: *included in summary report.*

Gary Green Park: *included in summary report.*

Ferndale Park: *included in summary report.*

Grants, Gifts & Awards: *included in summary report.*

Bike Trail & Covered Bridge: *discussed under Mayor's report.*

NEW BUSINESS: Member Gee reported I have something that I have been researching the bounce houses, the one that we were going to use which was \$300.00 to rent and I found where we could buy one for \$400.00. It sounded like a really good deal to me. There was a brief discussion on purchasing versus renting. Mayor Bring advised actually I think that is a good idea and we did talk about that. There were several of them that were reasonable, if we have something at the Civic Center or anything for kids. I know they are very easy to set up and it would be kind of nice. I know when the Safety Forces does their spring open house, it would be nice to have this for them to do. *Motion by Gee/Second by Albaugh to purchase the bounce house. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

Sheila Kopic, 630 Hollywood stated at Christmas time, Julia Mohrbach who started the Egg Hunt two years ago, had expressed a little bit of concern to myself and Ashley Hauns about the event not being sustained which was promised to here and that is why she got the whole thing going so that she could get a Girl Scout award. The Girl Scouts did not put that on, she put that on and now she is off to college and she is now doing her own thing. So, Ashley and I discussed it and we decided that we would like to take this over for her. We would like to have this on Saturday, April 8, 2017 which is the Saturday before Easter at Gary Green Park from 10 am to 12 pm rain or shine. We have a plan to have signs made to get advertising out there a little bit better. I know that last year the turn-out was very, very good and there were some issues that we are addressing to try to avoid those. We are going to ask for registration on-line, not that everybody is going to do it but maybe it will get people from Elyria and surrounding cities not to come and take from our children. So, we are just asking that we are allowed to have the park and the pavilion on that date. Superintendent Hastings stated for the 8th of April we have nothing scheduled.

Member Kovach advised I have been approached by the Pride Committee and they would like to hold a cardboard boat regatta on Saturday, Community Days. Now the only concern I would have is they want to have it just prior to the opening of Community Days but then we would be tying up the boat launch for a couple of hours. It wouldn't necessarily stop anybody from going out but we would have to tape it or rope it off and nobody would be able to come in at that point. Mayor Bring advised we have done it for triathlons' and it is not that big of a deal. We just do it, we put barricades up and block it off, that is it. Chairman Lewis asked do you lifeguard's and such? Member Kovach advised I briefly talked to them about it as I felt there was some liability there and the Pastor next door is actually the one that is going to be taking this on and he has waiver forms and that type of thing there. I am sure that we could have a squad over there. Chairman Lewis stated I would think that we would need somebody there. Member Lewis stated this was just started in the planning stages last week. Mayor Bring stated everybody would have to have life jackets and so forth, all the proper equipment. We will have to check into it a little bit more. Member Kovach stated we will take a look at it, like I said we have plenty of time. Member Gee stated it could be a little choppy, they usually do that on the river. Member Kovach stated I am thinking that they are pretty much going to stay in the little island there, maybe kind of block it off and that stays pretty calm most of the time within the side of the break wall there. Member Gee stated that sounds like a lot of fun. Mayor Bring concurred I think it is a great idea. Member Kovach stated we are going to kind of theme it around this year's Community Days. Member Kovach stated if this works out well it could be a staple of Community Days for years to come. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Lewis to use the Boat Launch on Community Days Saturday afternoon for a Cardboard Boat Regatta. Yeas All.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:18 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

February 20, 2017 Park Board

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 February 20, 2017.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso