

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
April 17, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, April 17, 2017. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2017 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 you have been by the Boat Launch, we were going to have that dredged out but the machine is in the middle of that stuck. So, that is not going very well. I don't exactly what is going to happen with that but they are trying to get that machine out of there now. After he gets out of there, I don't know what? Like I just told the Boat Launch was supposed to be done by the end of this week here obviously, it just transpired, the gentleman's machine is under water now. I don't know when he pulls that out when his next move is going to be but if he doesn't have a machine I don't know if he is going to be able to dredge. Member Kovach asked did the machine give out or was it stuck in there? Mayor Bring answered it was stuck in the middle of the Boat Launch. We told him to go along the edge of the Boat Launch, you know where the rocks are because it is shallower and apparently, he drove in the middle and when he did that it went over the top of where the engine was and he shut it off but then it really got deep. Right now, the only thing you can see is the cab and the boom. Chairman Lewis commented that will be expensive. Mayor Bring concurred yes it will be, Mr. Rosso's brother is down there with a big front-end loader and they have got a big excavator down there and they had 2 other excavators there. They were able to move it a little bit but we will see.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designated Skate Areas: None.

Memorial Park: None.

Lakefront Parks:

Grants, Gifts & Awards:

Shell Cove Park: Mayor Bring reported Shell Cove Park that we have been discussing all along, that will start next week. With the deck and everything else, that gentleman is going to start that next week.

Freedom Park: Mayor Bring reported Freedom and Guenther Parks are both going to start May 1st. Also, there is a pavilion over at Freedom and that is starting now, they have been working on that. He advised it is all going to be happening here real quick which is good. We thought the one at Shell Cove wasn't going to start until noon. So, this is kind of a pleasant surprise. The Boat Launch is a little bit of a setback, but things happen and there is nothing you can do about it. That is just the way some things are sometimes.

Recreation Program: None.

Guenther Park: reported above.

Erie Shore Park: None.

Westshore Park: None.

Boat Launch: reported below.

Bike Trail & Covered Bridge: Member Kovach asked is there any further word on the bike trail? Chairman Lewis stated that was the wetland issue. Mayor Bring advised that probably won't be addressed until next year. But we are actively pursuing that now, we just talked about that the other day. By the time that that is all said and done, it probably won't start until next year. I just walked down the bike trail today with my dog and there was a lot of activity and Ferndale Park was packed. So, I think what we are going to do is where that one basketball court is, we are going to put another one on another angle right there. There won't be that much, to put another concrete pad and another hoop because the activity down there is pretty substantial and the kids are enjoying the heck out of that and it is nice to see. They are down there playing and doing stuff and that means that they are not doing other stuff. I talked to the neighbors across the street, there is only one house there, but they seem to be okay with everything. I have had the Police down there on a regular basis and they noticed and said that the Police are down there all the time just to keep things safe. Other than throwing garbage around a little bit, but other than that it has been pretty good. Chairman Lewis asked the skate park is backup right? Mayor Bring answered yes, we put that back up, but the basketball hoop seems to be the big attraction, the hoops were donated through the VFW Women's Division. I saw the kids over there playing the other day too. Member Kovach asked what about the flag pole? Mayor Bring answered flag poles are coming. Councilperson Gee advised I am waiting for the cord. Mayor Bring advised it came in today. Councilperson Gee advised we have got the flags already, we just need the cords. She continued we got a phone call from someone about the

Boat Launch flag. I don't know if Jerry has a flag but we have one if he doesn't to replace that flag. Mayor Bring stated the flagpole that is going up, the rope is going to be on the inside of the pole so that the outside and the new rope actually has a strand wire in it so it is even stronger and will last longer. There is actually a wire inside the rope. We also got new clips, so everything should be a lot better.

Member Kovach asked do we have any ready to go 110 power over at the Boat Launch? I was asked about that for like a PA system for when they have their regatta? I know we have the big power panel there, but is there any direct 110 power ready to go there? Mayor Bring answered, I think they put something over there, but I would have to ask Pat but I am sure we could temporarily have something in there too. Eventually what I would like to do is put some kind of a pavilion down on that grassy area is right there and have lights and power there for. Occasionally have a band there in the summertime to play and they could use the Boat Launch for that too. That is kind of my next little hoorah that I want to look into. I don't want to block the view for everybody that comes down there so we are going to have to take a look at that but I think it would be a pretty good idea. Then we would have to put some kind of fence on that one thing over there for the sound. Member Kovach stated well that would be a smaller pavilion, then what has gone in. Mayor Bring concurred yes very small, probably like a round 12 X 12. Member Kovach stated something like one or two picnic tables. Mayor Bring advised a gazebo type thing so that they could set up a band, maybe a 16 foot round.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Kovach asked any further word on the grants, are we up-to-date on them? Mayor Bring advised well Pat did get that one \$42,000.00 grant, it is a non-matching grant so it is another \$42,000.00 for playground equipment. I think he has gotten everything else that he has applied for and we still have, I think around \$100,000.00 of that money that was bequeathed to us, so we are still able to use some of that. Some of it we use to make payments but we will be getting that back after the grant is paid for. So, that is a good thing, again we can ask for more because we still have that money in the account. Chairman Lewis commented Pat is doing a very good job. Mayor Bring concurred yes, Pat is doing a very good job.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: Councilperson Gee reported the Easter Egg Hunt that was held at Gary Green Park was quite a success and one of the main things that we feel made a huge difference was that we had a Police Officer there the whole time. There was not one adult that tried to help the kids gather. There was no shoving or pushing, it was very, very enjoyable and I want to say we had maybe 400 people. Mayor Bring answered I don't know but it was a nice crowd. Councilperson Gee concurred it was a really great crowd. The prizes were all won

and everybody was happy. We got a nice turn back on the eggs and I really think a huge part of it was the fact that we had the Officer there and all of the volunteers did a great job.

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 April 17, 2017.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso