

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
June 19, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, June 19, 2017. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: Lewis, Kovach, Gee, Mayor Bring, Superintendent Hastings

Absent: Albaugh and Dailey (excused)

Attending: Councilperson Gee

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

***CORRESPONDENCE: None.***

***PRESENTATIONS: None.***

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

Superintendent Hastings advised on the Shell Cove Deck we had the engineers come down with us, who designed it and the contractor and aside from sanding the top rails which are just slightly rough, that was accepted and passed. The pavers are all in place and scheduled to be installed and that was supposed to start this weekend but I think the heat may have kept them away. So, I believe they were there today. At least I got word that they would be showing up this afternoon. We still have to landscape this soil where we took the grade down. The Mayor had mentioned crown vetch which we have looked into and we are looking into a couple of other ground covers as well. It is an invasive species, so I hadn't told you that yet. So, we are still considering that. Mayor Bring advised we have had some problems with some kids with some destruction but as was noted this has been going on for years and years and years. I don't want to go overboard with it, we had an 11-year old girl that got stuck in a baby swing that are basically for 2 years old and younger. Well, this 11-year old girl got stuck in that and they had to call the Fire Department to get her out of there because she was really stuck. I was thinking about sending her parents a bill but then I thought about it. Member Kovach stated I think that problem is probably going to rectify itself. Mayor Bring stated she was very embarrassed and I don't want to ruin an 11-years old life because she did something really stupid. You know a little girl is kind of emotional so we kind of let it go. I think Pat has already fixed that and I think like Steve that might correct itself. Member Kovach stated at least with that particular party but I doubt that she will do that again. Mayor Bring stated yes but there was a couple of

girls standing there that made a comment that they got stuck in there too and they were about the same age. I just wanted to bring that up to you and everybody wants to put camera's up but let's do one day at a time here. I have got the Police making more rounds each time they are on duty to check the parks and they have to call out when they are doing it and when they leave, so that gives a time line if something happens and it seems to be helping. We will see how it goes and if it gets any worse I will bring it back. Member Kovach stated we have had Jerry scrubbing off markings off of plastic. Mayor Bring stated we have some of that again. We had some graffiti down at the boat launch again which was minimal this time. Some kids were throwing rocks in at the launch and told one of our workers, well I can't say what the kid said. They are pretty rude and Jerry should have just called the Police and they would have gone down and taken care of the problem. We are going to try the avenue of working with the Police. I have got the Police stopping and actually talking to the juveniles right now, just get their names and stuff and seeing how they are doing. So far, this week has calmed down a little bit. We just had a little incident tonight but it was something different, kids sometimes use poor judgement. Member Kovach quipped Jerry should have a lawn rake and pitch fork on that truck.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Boat Launch:*** Superintendent Hastings advised boat launch is very active and we are down there quite a bit. Beach sampling is in full go where we put the signs up for water quality and we are actually fairing pretty well in the heavy storms obviously kicks up the bacteria. I believe we are going to be hosting the Triathlon and the Mayor is going to forward me that date which is probably in August, it is typical in August.

***Shell Cove Park:*** Mayor Bring advised I got a phone call from the girl over at Shell Cove who is taking care of that Memorial over there. She said that a lady contacted her about having a wedding down there and wanted to know what they needed for that. I said well it is a park and I don't know that you need permission to do that but as far as I am concerned as long as the wedding is not enormous and they take up all of the parking or put anything in disarray, I don't see it being a problem. I thought I should bring it to you guys but I thought the whole idea of doing the parks was for people to come and enjoy them. Member Kovach advised we have had weddings over at the pavilion at the Community Center and that is park land. Mayor Bring stated that is what I said and that is what the whole process is for. It is not going to be until next June, so it is not like it is coming up. Member Kovach stated at that time, the deck would be more appropriate. Mayor Bring advised I just wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. Also, Pat and I were talking about the old play equipment there. I told Pat maybe next year we ought to take the old equipment down and spruce it up with newer stuff because with the

brighter paint and everything else, it just seems to be nicer. So, maybe we will look at replacing some of that down there and dress it up down there. Steve, you might know how old that stuff is down there. Superintendent Hastings answered 1987. Member Kovach stated that stuff is original, we haven't done any replacement in that park. Superintendent Hastings stated that stuff came through on an old ODNR grant; bunch of grills and slides and those old-fashioned monkey bars. So, it is 30 plus years. They do have some nice nautical themes that I was mentioning to the Mayor that I would like to share with the Park Board and Administration which looks kind of neat which might be something to consider. Chairman Lewis concurred especially with that park to have a nautical theme to it. Mayor Bring stated the new things that they make just stand out so much better.

**Freedom Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised the metal, we did just get that, but I think we may be still about 10 days from that because of the schedule we are dealing with some vacations. We might be able to get a little activity on it by the end of the week but we started out today with a water break and one of the primary carpenter guys is in the Water Department as well.

**Gary Green Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised I also have been in touch with the manufacturer for the Gary Green Park which was brought to the city's attention for some repair and replacement parts which is kind of a long process. You contact them and they come out and take the photos and verify it and then they contact the manufacturing because the parts don't sit around. Then they send us the bill and then after we okay that they send it to manufacturing and then we wait 4 weeks for shipment. So, I dare say it might be the end of summer. Member Kovach asked what is gone on it? Superintendent Hastings answered some rails are gone on it when you are on one of the platforms and it has a series of blue poles and also one of the safety straps for the handicap swing is damaged. So, it is about \$500.00 in parts and materials but it is a waiting game to do it. I did email the resident who contacted the city just so they know that we are progressing through. Member Kovach stated as old as that has gotten it has held up quite well and it does get a lot of use. Superintendent Hastings concurred, I think it has held up real well. They made comment of the slide but Jerry commented to me that that has been like that for 10 years and they had sanded and made all the edges smooth. Apparently, it had been chipped or something.

**Guenther Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised the Mayor was going to comment on some incidents at Guenther. The one thing I will say is it was brought to my attention that one of the features where the kids can spin dials and have car races has apparently malfunctioned so I contacted them. We did get the older equipment down at Guenther Park.

**Community Center:** Superintendent Hastings advised the craft program is up and running and going well.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Member Kovach advised Law Director Graves had suggested that I have the Pride Committee fill out a park permit for the use of the Boat Launch for the Cardboard Boat Race which I have presented and they filled it out. I have brought it back this evening for approval. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to approve the permit for the park. Member Kovach advised the permit is \$25.00 and I would request that that fee be waived. Yeas All. \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to waive the fee. Yeas All.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee, \*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 7:16 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 June 19, 2017.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
*Rick Rosso*