

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
August 21, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, August 21, 2017. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Resident request to purchase and place a memorial plaque on a bench at the Boat Launch. Superintendent Hastings advised a resident who lives over by Lake Breeze called the city and frequents the park often and she had lost her child and wanted to put a memorial recognition on a bench. I immediately told her we do have the Shell Cove Park for something like that but she said that because she lives over there and frequents the Boat Launch and finds it comforting to be able to go sit by the water and so forth. I told the existing benches are from the County Commissioners at the time and scribed with their names. Member Kovach stated you almost have to get a bench similar to what they put in over at Shell Cove. Mayor Bring advised those are \$1000.00. Superintendent Hastings continued I brought up that using those would probably not be tasteful but she said she would even pursue a bench so that she could put a plaque as well if the Park Board would allow that. Chairman Lewis stated I think as long as the city would approve the design of the bench that it would be fine. Superintendent Hastings stated yes, we certainly can review it. Member Kovach stated if we couldn't come up and it wasn't too expensive we could just put a plaque up in the park itself. Superintendent Hastings stated I think I might have mentioned that too Steve but she was adamant on number one the park and number two the bench. Member Kovach stated that may last until she finds the price out on the bench that it would be attached to. Maybe she would not have a problem with spending that kind of money on a bench. Superintendent Hastings stated I actually have 3 or 4 benches in stock yet that I just got on a grant. I guess we could consider one of them to have a plaque, it is the recycled plastic and certainly not as decorative as the black ones up

there. But to the Mayor's point, those are \$1000.00. Member Kovach stated so that actually fits the motif of the parks? Superintendent Hastings stated so if the Park Board is okay with that I can have her supply the final details to the Mayor and get it setup for her. *Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey to accept the bench that is in stock. Yeas All. Superintendent Hastings advised I didn't even a chance to tell the Mayor of a phone call that I received of a woman who wanted to donate an American flag for Shell Cove Park. In that situation, I explained we don't have a flag pole there. She says that it is very large and recommended that even the Boat Launch be considered. We haven't talked about a flag pole at Shell Cove. Member Kovach stated what do we have over at the Civic Center? Do we have a flag on that pole now? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, we had those fixed for Memorial Day. Member Gee stated it looks kind of small though. Superintendent Hastings concurred it is small. Chairman Lewis advised that would be a chance to change that light out. He asked the pole at the Boat Launch that was the windmill, could you make that into a flag pole? Superintendent Hastings answered we could but we have one there already. I can't readily move them as they are buried 7-feet down in a block of concrete. Councilperson Gee stated double check with the lady about the large flag, about 2 years ago a lady approached Lorain and she had a very large flag to donate and everybody got all set and they put a flag pole up and it was a cloth flag that couldn't be hung outside in weather. So, you might want to double check with the lady and make sure that it is a nylon flag before you even consider this because the cloth one has to come down when it rains and it is up, down/up, down. Member Gee stated it would be too heavy to fly, it would just hang there. Councilperson Gee advised most people don't realize they are for another purpose.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Bring advised the skate area in Ferndale Park, we had that one grind rail missing and we have had numerous other small incidents there so I have not replaced that and I am not going to replace probably until next year. We have had some things happen with signs and some other things happen. I don't know if anyone has drove by there, lately but we put that mound up for sledding and bmx's? All that dirt that was piled up, we had a big bulldozer over there the other day. So, it is a sled mound so if you get a chance you can look at that. The problem is they left the bulldozer overnight and they busted into it. So, at one of the meetings I told you that I was not going to put camera's up and I have changed my mind. The camera's are going to be up in three weeks. We are tired of the nonsense. Member Kovach asked are they setup where they could be portable and moved from park to park type thing? Mayor Bring answered no you can't do that because of the way it is. I will have a camera that will zoom in and rotate all angles. We pretty much know who it is, I just have to catch them. The bad thing is the other kids are being punished because of these few. But we are just tired of the nonsense and we told them we are not going to do anything else until this gets

resolved over there. I told them if I have any more incidents over that I am going to take everything else over there for the rest of the year. So, there will be nothing but a concrete pad and they are very well aware of that. They are very upset about it, so we will see how this all goes. So, everything has been very quiet since we said that. We are probably going to try to put seed on that hill but it is pretty large. We are going to see how this all works out but it should be a nice little spot for the kids to be able to play on. If anybody can destroy that hill then go for it because it is just a pile of dirt. If you want to try to steal 88 trucks of dirt then go for it. Member Kovach stated nobody has really ever damaged the mound over by Apple's.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Superintendent Hastings advised so there are some funds earmarked for tree's that the Mayor and I have been talking about. The Soccer Board approached us about the tree row on the west side of Guenther Park's parking lot. So, we had some grindings come in, so we are going to improve that parking to the south and then hopefully a little bit to the west. I hope to incorporate the tree work with both Guenther Park and with what the Mayor has mentioned along that bike trail including one that is rather large and blocking it. Everything else the Mayor has covered pretty thoroughly and I am waiting to find out the decision of the Ohio DNR on the grant for the restrooms. I am going to be talking to the Mayor about a TLCI grant, federal funding from NOACA that we might be able to incorporate with the Boat Launch. It has to do with the big program of interconnectivity through our nature trails. But really, I think our selling feature is the fact that if you start all the way out in Avon or any other relatively close city and make your way north, the goal is to be at Lake Erie. So, whether it be a pedestrian crossing or another opportunity for a boat launch or gazebo down there. I just have to talk to the Mayor, he just sent me that last week. But that will be a meeting I am attending here at the end of August to get the particulars. Mayor Bring stated there is a plan at the county when they did the connectivity, they asked for something like a grand project. So, I threw in there as far as bringing the access to the boat launch over to the shopping center and make a marina there with condominiums. Member Dailey stated I saw the draft of that and I thought it was cool. Mayor Bring quipped some people say cool and some people say crazy, I fit both of those. Member Kovach stated that suggestion was brought up when the launch first came in by a previous Service Director. That was a unique proposal. Member Kovach stated we did have a request by a lady at Council to bring to your attention that she suggested that we put a pool in somewhere in one of our parks. I told her that that was an outstanding idea but that I was pretty sure that we lacked the funding at this time or anytime in the near future. Mayor Bring advised we told her that the one in Avon Lake was around 3 million dollars. Everyone gasped because not only is it 3 million dollars but then you have to take care of it and man it and everything else. Avon Lake has

a lot more people and I think at this time it would be very difficult for us. It is not saying that we shouldn't look at that in the future but right now just not too keen on that because we have too many other things that we are trying to catch up on. Member Dailey stated I was wondering about the same thing, what about across from Joyce Hanks, it is empty but I wasn't sure about what the cost would be. Mayor Bring advised Mr. Hastings is looking at a splash pad, he did that last year and I don't know what the total cost of that would be? Superintendent Hastings recalled the way that I was leaning toward was around \$100,000.00 which might be a focus of Lorain County General Health District grant next year. Mayor Bring advised that might be doable to start off with. Superintendent Hastings advised a water feature would be great, there is a lot of ways that you can use that splash pad and pan off of it with other grants. It is basically through the skin doctors, Dermatology and they offer grants and get a program where they build sun shelters and then you connect them in with pools or slides or splash pads and you can combine several grants. Basically, you build a structure and within a year's time you show its popularity and usage and you can go after them and then you do a 10-year program. Mayor Bring advised it is all about the kids getting out there and getting exercise. We were also approached by a group from the outside and it was an exercise thing but again that would of cost \$60,000.00. Superintendent Hastings advised they told us that it was free. Member Kovach quipped they always do. Mayor Bring advised it was a pretty neat concept. Superintendent Hastings stated until you got to the fine print. Superintendent Hastings advised I do have a meeting scheduled with the Lorain County Health Department to close out this year's grant and that included the new playground at Guenther Park, the pavilion at Freedom and also the new playground equipment there as well. At Guenther Park, we did just order a new panel which will be here on the 31st of August which actually Mr. Wright helped with which is nice. So that is on track to be repaired. At Gary Green Park, we had some failed equipment that we were emailed about and that has all been repaired also. Mayor Bring stated we are going to try to wind down this year and take care of everything and then start looking again. Member Kovach quipped the more you get, the more you have to maintain. Superintendent Hastings shared yes Jerry joked with me to quit putting stuff in. Mayor Bring stated if you go by on the weekends the kids are really enjoying it and we have gotten a lot of good comments. Superintendent Hastings advised on Shell Cove, we came in a little under budget because we had originally put in there to put in shore line protection with big armor stone but that side of the grant would have required permitting from the Army Corp of Engineers which would have delayed it. So, we backed that out and we kind of refunneled the money into the final restoration which includes some wonderful landscaping with the help of Kurtz Brothers here in Avon and one of our local employees who is big into landscaping work. We are very, very happy

with that. Mayor Bring stated we will probably have something coming here shortly just to recognize what is going on over there and get the newspapers over there and with Mark and Annette with the memorial. They have put in a lot of money and they are getting a lot more people donating money. Member Gee asked those camera's that you are putting in at Ferndale Park, are those permanent or is there anyway that those could be moved around? Mayor Bring answered you can't because you have to have a server with cable, etc. Superintendent Hastings stated you mean move them from park to park? Member Gee answered yes from park to park because I was thinking that you could move them to where the trouble spots are or where they are occurring. Superintendent Hastings stated no you can't. Member Gee asked have they resolved? Mayor Bring answered no, like I said you have to have a permanent cable from either WOW or whoever the supplier is and then you have to have a server inside which we will with power. Then it has to come back here and we have a TV setup.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skate areas: discussed above.

Boat Launch: discussed above.

Shell Cove Park: Mayor Bring advised Shell Cove Park as Mr. Kovach just stated we did some more work on the other side with what the city is doing and we landscaped a little bit of that. We put some steps in from the hill where the playground equipment is so you can kind of come down to get on the step. We planted a couple of trees and some other stuff. I think they just mulched it today and Pat is looking at getting another grant to exchange that old equipment and put new in there and that should make that park look pretty nice. We have not had a chance to move the binoculars from the Boat Launch yet. There has been a lot going on and we will get to that. We did have a meeting over there the other day about doing more stuff at Shell Cove and dressing it up and making it look even better. We are getting a lot of good comments on that and people are enjoying that. If you go by it in the evenings, people just sitting on the benches and looking at the lake. People standing on the deck or using the playground equipment and so far, knock on wood we haven't had any problems over there.

Guenther Park: Mayor Bring advised we added a couple truckloads of grindings which I put in the back and I think we are going to get a couple more of those. When we do Lake Breeze and grind it down which is going to be the second week of September. So, when we put that pipe in we are going to add a little bit more grindings in and make that just a little bit wider. That way people will have a little bit more parking over there and add to the back of that just a little bit too. It gets pretty crowded with cars with all of the soccer matches and everything going on over there. There was a piece of equipment that was broke which we have turned back into for a third time. It is the one that you spin and the cars go around with

some chain of some sort but it is a big one and it has broken 3 times. But it is under warranty so we are making them fix it.

Covered Bridge/Trail: Mayor Bring advised we started to clean up some of the stuff but we have a long way to go over there yet. We have a big tree across the ditch that we have to move, it is kind of a mess. But we are trying to get caught up with everything else but it will probably be in the fall before we get over to clean that all up and eventually I would like to start adding flowering trees and using some other shrubbery along there and make it look a lot nicer. We are still working on the other end with the county.

Lakewood Beach Park: Mayor Bring advised the condominium's there wanted to use that for an access to build a break wall and I denied that because I didn't want them ruining it for the summer for people going down to the beach there. We told they may have to use a barge because we don't want that all torn up because we do have quite a bit of traffic down there, I don't know if everybody sees all the cars down there but there is a lot of traffic. So, if they come down there with that big equipment they will tear that all up which they said they will repair everything but I don't want to ruin a summer. Pat is going to work on some other grants to see if we can't upgrade the other stuff that we have. He is still thinking of doing something with the dog park over there off of South Street. We still have to put the concrete pad in at the pavilion that we put in and we have a couple of other little things. Everybody has been asking for electricity, so we have to do that yet. That will all probably be in the fall or maybe spring before we get to all those things.

Member Kovach advised the one thing that is needed at Shell Cove is a new sign. The sign that is there I think is fitting but. Mayor Bring advised we are working with the Woodshop on that, I talked to them and they are supposed to get back with me. That will be a wood sign but on the memorial thing, doesn't want a wood sign. We did talk about it and she wants a metal sign and a metal sign is very expensive. So, I am trying to figure out what we are going to do there. The Shell Cove Park looks unique right now but it is a little out of place but everything looks really nice. Then the pump station is there. Member Kovach stated I was going to say, as long as the wind doesn't shift the wrong way you are in good shape. Mayor Bring stated they did a really nice job at the Memorial Park with the sign over there. So, I did ask them about that the other day so I will have a meeting with them. They are open to do that though, so we will see. The reason I am hesitating is because like I said she wants a sign where the deck is like an arch which is \$15,000.00 and that is a lot of money. Member Kovach asked who wants that? Mayor Bring answered Annette. Member Kovach asked going out to the deck? Mayor Bring answered yes, so it would say Memorial Park. As you are walking down the brick path and you come to that opening to go stand on the deck, there would be an arch going over top of that. Member Dailey stated kind of like Lakeview Park. How much are the

permits going to be for the weddings? Mayor Bring stated that is the other problem is that we are getting a lot of calls on that and we are going to have to probably...well, this year is getting a little bit late. We are going to have to get somebody with a book and start figuring out how we are going to handle this because I have had a lot of phone calls. Also, people wanted me to close the park down and I told them no and they got very upset about that because they don't want anybody to interrupt the wedding. The whole idea of the parks is for everybody to enjoy unless you guys say no. That is the theme that I keep going with and the reason that we are fixing these all up is so everybody can enjoy them. If you keep having weddings every weekend or something then you will have the park shutdown, it is nice for the weddings but it is ruining the purpose for the park. As far as I am concerned so I don't know, you guys can discuss that and see what you want to do. We are having the same things with the pavilions, people want to rent the pavilions out but I basically said it is first come, first serve. If you go by, people have been using those and having cookouts and so far, we have had no problems with that. Again, do we start booking these things out and doing that? Member Kovach stated you might check with Metro Parks because I know that they schedule and rent them but they reserve them so maybe we could follow suit on that. Mayor Bring stated again we are going to have to have somebody with a book and follows up with that and be able to have a contact person because we can't keep passing it off on other people here. We will have to figure it out. So, it is something that you guys should start talking about.

Mayor Bring briefed Superintendent Hastings on what has been reported.

Freedom Park: discussed above.

Gary Green Park: discussed above.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grants: discussed above.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Jonathan Wright, 788 Idlewood Avenue.* Mr. Wright advised I have been involved with the community, parks and such for quite a while. Some of the folks in the room know me. I have been selling park equipment for 10 years but I have recently made a career change which eliminates a conflict of interest and if the website is still accurate there is at least one spot available on this Board. If you all would have me I would like to take that spot. Member Kovach stated I guess we could send that appointment to Council and bring it up tomorrow night. *Motion by Lewis/Second by Dailey to send the appointment of Mr. Wright to Council to retain him as a member. Yeas All.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Dailey to adjourn at 7:33 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 21, 2017.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso