

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
September 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, September 18, 2017. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Dailey to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT: None.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Superintendent Hastings advised in going over the minutes of last month's meeting. I do have a voicemail going out to the family for placement of a plaque on a bench. Admittedly I have not heard back from them, so I will follow up on that. There was reporting on the vandalism at Ferndale Park over the last month. I can tell you that it has been curtailed over the last month and I am not sure if that is from the Mayor asking our local Police to step up enforcement but I haven't had any complaints. They were coming in pretty regularly but maybe it is because the kids are back in school. Member Kovach stated the kids may be policing their own too. Superintendent Hastings concurred that may be too but it is good to note that things have settled down over there. I do believe the Mayor is still entertaining cameras, I haven't been contacted by our security people as they normally go through me to arrange setting those things up. I had mentioned continuing to pursue funding for our walking trail that comes out at the covered bridge to the boat launch. I was trying to connect an old TLCI grant where they had a study done in 2009 for the Shoreway Shopping Center. We are currently engaged in a TLCI grant between the four lakefront communities for connectivity. NOACA has federal money now available for TLCI implementation but you are not allowed to pursue that money unless you have a TLCI study in place. So, I did reach out between then and now to see if I could bridge a gap between some of the older information that was applied in 2009 with some of what I know is coming on this

current one. The current one is not complete so you cannot reference that but there is some connections there as far as extending our bike trails. He informed TLCI stands for Transportation for Livable Communities, so any improvements to the bike lanes or nature trails or anything along that line in and around Shoreway is what I am hoping to achieve. The plan admittedly on our current one is bold that we are putting a bridge over route 6 and flooding out the Shoreway, a vision like that is a decade in the making. I would like to see some connection now. So, it is a long shot but I did reach out to NOACA and I am going to try to put something together. We did actually submit one, if Steve recalls to ODNR but it wasn't approved to do a 6-foot wide path from the covered bridge to the boat launch and that would satisfy the sidewalks in front of Shoreway that really need to be done as well. We are holding off for a more grand approach. I had also mentioned about some tree work, we do have grants in place. Although we do haven't authorized any work and part of that is because we are doing some contracting along the city's right of ways as well. So, the total scope of the job got bigger as far as the city is concerned. It does include some work along Guenther Park and the nature trail but also includes some of the city's lots where Emerald Ash Bore has annihilated the tree's. So, that quote is just expanded a bit, it is still processing if you will. As far as the current grants, most of the projects are done visually. I have a mountain of paperwork that I am getting through because it is federal month which is pretty intense. That being said we will replenish the Windsor estate funds so that we can pursue in 2018 more projects if you so see fit. The season is dying out here and we have had a pretty productive construction season in the parks. Jerry and the guys have done a wonderful job. As far as maintenance, we are exploring the means of picking up garbage a little bit more efficiently. If you think it through, he is running around and getting 30 to 40 cans right now in all of the parks and Shoreway. We have been seeing some equipment that hooks onto these utility vehicles that we have to kind of aid in that. I just have to get a hold of Republic and see if they would be receptive to having 4 or 5 of the big cans that we would otherwise use at home. They would connect to our utility vehicles and you could zip through and load them and then just sit them out. He is literally taking the whole can and driving it back to the city physically over his head and flipping it. So, maintenance wise that is something that we are looking at for the shop. He also did mention the age of one of our, I believe it is an X mark, the inch cut 0 turn. So, I believe we will be exploring some of that and bringing that to you for the next season.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skate areas: None.

Boat Launch: discussed above.

Shell Cove Park: None.

Guenther Park: discussed above.

Covered Bridge/Trail: discussed above.

Lakewood Beach Park: Superintendent Hastings advised Lakewood Beach Park, the Mayor did reference last month The Residence request to access our park for some construction they are having to the jetty's and break wall. But so too, I was contacted by the President of the Association over there who voiced concerns of the public mostly walking on their dogs on what is a private beach. We do have signs down there but admittedly they don't always stand up to the weather and they don't always stand up to the people. So, she requested that the city in addition to the end of public beach referencing that dogs should be leashed which I believe is a requirement anyways in our beaches. I went ahead and ordered those, they are something we usually have in stock anyways because we have them down at the boat launch. But that was specifically request from them.

Freedom Park: None.

Gary Green Park: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grants: discussed above.

Member Kovach asked have they finished everything at Shell Cove now?

Superintendent Hastings answered yes everything is done. I am attending a Coastal Management Work Shop a week from today where I am hopeful to pursue funding and Army Corp of Engineers permitting to put armor stone along the front of that deck. Once you get below a certain elevation, you have to have permits from ODNR and Army Corp. Member Kovach asked what about that one tree that is just west of the deck where half the roots are hanging out? Superintendent Hastings answered Jerry has brought that up as well, some argue that that is stabilization for that cliff but quite frankly it is only a matter of time I think. Member Kovach stated I would hate to see that come down...Superintendent Hastings stated come down on the deck. Member Kovach answered to the east. Superintendent Hastings stated yes, while I am getting quotes...I still have more spots to show I could certainly gain those as well. I agree and that root structure has been showing for years but I think it is getting really bad. Chairman Lewis suggested cable it so that it doesn't fall east. Member Kovach stated almost half of the roots are exposed. Chairman Lewis stated it has been eroded out into the lake.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY:

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Dailey 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.

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 September 18, 2017.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Rick Rosso