

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
April 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, April 15, 2019. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** *Jonathan Wright, 788 Idlewood* advised you guys know I sit on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and I am here because this is the Board that I really want to sit on as it is near and dear to my heart. I spent a lot of years in the industry and have some measure of expertise in it. So, as far as I know this Board is full, so if anyone were to step down, I just ask that this Board think of me first.

**MAYOR REPORT/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: updates below.**

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

Superintendent Hastings advised under items below.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Skate areas:** Superintendent Hastings advised the supplier of the pump track, I had reached out for additional equipment. In total, it came back quite astounding at \$60,000.000. However, that is for the entire area that we have in concrete now and the pump track would be moved. My goal was to add pieces at a time, so I need to break down that quote. As I have said before we could consider additional pad space and not take away from the basketball which is also as popular. He advised the Mayor did get an email that the City of Avon was removing their skate park from a youth and asked that the City of Sheffield Lake try to get some of the equipment which is still in good shape. It is unknown the validity of that email because as far as we know they are not taking it down. He explained the email that was received and that the Mayor was going to check.

**Boat Launch:** Superintendent Hastings advised unwinterized the bathrooms and will be opening those up soon for the season. The city also finished and met the

deadline for dredging out the boat launch. It has to be done by the 15th and you are not allowed to work in it unless you have a waiver. We are going to try to get the docks in by tomorrow. Actually, people have been launching out of there with all that sand and no docks, I can't believe it. We have an estimate of the sand that we use, it is a little hefty bill of about 16,000 but coming in by barge, it is just more expensive but far more thorough. I would estimate they pulled out about 2000 cubic yards of sand. Weather permitting, we will have those docks in tomorrow and be the first in the county.

**Shell Cove Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised as you know we have a grant submitted for a new playground.

**Guenther Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised we spread out some of the grindings that were there today to re-prepare the parking lot for the season that is upon us. We have moved soil there towards the back and we are going to stop dumping there because it is now becoming too much. We had a big project where we filled in a storm sewer and we were collecting dirt to backfill that and we have since backfilled it and don't need it anymore. So, we are looking for places now to get rid of this soil.

**Lakewood Beach Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised that will be part of Pride Day as far as cleanup.

**Ferndale Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised we have brought in the infield sand to rejuvenate the loan baseball park which is used by various teams for practice. We have had some rutting problems there where people drive-in and decide to turn around or drive through the park. So, we brought in soil for that.

**Gary Green Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised Gary Green Park hosted our Easter Egg Hunt this past weekend that the Mayor attended and I am not sure if anybody else did here. When I drove by, it was packed and once again, Julia did a wonderful job.

**Freedom Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised I have got quotes for adding swing sets to that new playground, with our own labor it is coming in at around \$9000.00 between the two. It is expensive because in addition to the actual equipment, you have to put that recycle material for the soft landing and those borders which I think are every bit of 12 to 18 inches high. I have also talked to a couple of companies on the dog park to get both plans for them and so we have kind of a model to build off the equipment and they have also supplied some materials for the base of it that you can use. It is a material that I am not familiar with, it is almost like a real fine granular that is very common for dog parks and fights against the odor of feces and such. He advised they did have a lot of recommendations in all the plans that I have seen for water, for both humans and animals which wouldn't be a problem as we do have a 12-inch water main over there. **This park actually has a vacant lot across the street from it which was in a**

committee meeting. There was a home torn down and the lot has been empty for years. There was a brief discussion on location and providing parking potentially for the dog park. The Law Director has further learned that if the city were to take it then they would be responsible for all the liens and taxes on it. Due to that new information, more than likely that whole deal will not turn out as it is over \$40,000 in liens and taxes which the lot wouldn't be worth that anyways. There was a brief discussion on size of lot.

**Memorial Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised the POW flag needs replaced and I think those are put up by volunteers. Councilperson Gee advised we have got the POW but it should have been replaced the other day as well as the American flag. Superintendent Hastings checked for festivities for next month in which Councilperson Gee confirmed yes. Superintendent Hastings advised he would make sure that it is groomed. Member Kovach asked when do you do the burning of the flags? Councilperson Gee answered in the fall. Member Gee added Veterans Day.

**Erie Shore Park: None.**

**West Shore Park; Community Center addition** – Superintendent Hastings advised that park is still in good shape as well as the pavilions. However, we are looking at the gazebo is starting to show some age. So, in the short term, we are going to remove some of the aged landscaping around it which all that blocks the view of the gazebo itself and the view of the lake. Then bring in smaller landscaping and replace the gingerbread railing around it as a lot of that is aged and falling apart. The addition itself is coming along good and but complete, they are going to cap off the roof by cutting the membrane that is overhanging. We have a final walkthrough scheduled this week for it. Chairman Lewis complimented it looks good, the addition. Superintendent Hastings added that building as a whole will be painted to match the addition, so those grays and there is going to be accent red metal on it that will be added to the newer building. So, it will all be the same color. The front of the building with that T111 which used to be brick that was backed into a hundred times with food trucks, that will have a new small awning on it of captain red metal which will match the red metal of the new one. I am also looking to replace the window in the little room that is frosted, so we are going to do that. We are also looking at the floor of the new addition which is just a plain and boring finish, so we are looking at some epoxy on that.

**Grants, Gifts & Awards:**

**Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge:** Superintendent Hastings advised I was contacted by ODOT for the grant we got to connect the covered bridge to the boat launch and I have to have some forms filled out for them to program into the computer by the end of the month. That is going to be about a quarter million

dollar 10-foot wide concrete trail with flashing pedestrian signs to get over to the Library, over to the Boat Launch and so forth. That will be a nice project.

**Lincoln Nature Trail:** Superintendent Hastings advised Lincoln Nature Trail has, as you know been resubmitted. Member Kovach asked do you have any idea when that project might start? Superintendent Hastings stated I will make sure that it will not interfere with Community Days. ODOT and Abbe Road, I have been working for 2 years on so I am at their mercy. I am not quite sure that sidewalk will be constructed yet this year, possibly in the fall. The reality is that ODOT which is federal money, I suspect knowing how I just dealt with Abbe in over 2 years will be into 2020 spring and I would like to see it done before next seasons Carnival. But TLCI problems are new so I am not sure how rapidly they will let me progress.

**ODNR grant Boat Launch project – None.**

**Pier behind Community Center –** Superintendent Hastings advised I haven't heard anything about the pier proposal. However, I remain ready to apply for grants and I believe our strategy would be if this materializes to seek funding's for the engineering of it through a Coastal Management grant. That in and of itself would be \$30,000 to \$50,000 and then you would have definitive plans and a stamped engineers concept of what they want and then you can go after the funding. If you go after the funding blind, it is certainly possible but not as smooth. There was a brief discussion on the work that Coastal Management does. Superintendent Hastings advised if we had preliminary plans drawn up, I could use that same fund source to build a pier which is who built our deck, that grant of \$90,000. Of course, this project would be 10 times that but you never know. Member Kovach advised it would be nice to have something like that short walkout pier like they do in Avon Lake. Superintendent Hastings concurred that would be a wonderful example. He continued relating to the Community Center, the addition as you know, has removed the location of our dumpsters over there and we have been scouting all over trying to find the next logical location spot for them. Our own ordinances, we are not allowed to have them out front. The building has the capability of putting them to the side or beyond which we do. If I consider the east side, it is really out in the open distracting from the view, the playground, the gazebo. So, we are considering leaving it on the west side of the building, still setback from the property line there, it has got a fence on it and a lot of green growth. But I did want to throw it out to the Park Board since the land is really under your jurisdiction. If there was any objections to that or any suggestions because I have to get moving on that. It is logical too because BFI/Republic's trucks are very heavy so they're ability to come straight in on that western lot, grab that and back right out are good right now. If he goes the entire distance on the asphalt will destroy it. Chairman Lewis asked you will fence it off? Superintendent Hastings answered absolutely. The homeowner next to the Center actually asked the city to install a fence over the

entire length of our property because they are not happy with the addition. However, if there is a good 7-foot fence there, 9 months out of 12 it is green anyways. We would most definitely fence it and it would be north of his property equal to the side of our property. Member Kovach asked which house is it? Superintendent Hastings answered the former Mayor Piskura old house. He advised we are 50 plus feet away from the property line. I don't want to go beyond the back of the building with the dumpsters because then you would obstruct view, they would be equal to the side of the existing but you would have to get a little bit farther back because we could reposition the road that is going around it. They have bollards out so you don't hit the corner of the building. So, we are going to have to widen that due to the addition so it would be accessible to 12 or 13 foot of vehicle then the pad that I would still expect to be 8 to 10 feet off of the property line. It wouldn't effect his view of the lake or anything like that and it would have a fence around it so that he is not looking at a dumpster. Some of the problems with the other side. Member Kovach advised there is really no other place that is going to work. Superintendent Hastings concurred there really is not. There was a brief discussion on options of location and material of fence which Member Kovach suggested possibly slats.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,  
\*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to adjourn at 7:27 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 April 15, 2019.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*