

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 14, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, January 14, 2019. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Albaugh (excused)

Attending: Councilperson Gee, Concerned Citizens

*Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: *Mayor Bring presented Mr. Thomas Jordan Jr., who Mayor Bring advised he has been talking about putting a pier at the end of the Community Center and he has been talking about this for years now. He just wanted to get your permission to maybe get a committee together to talk about maybe we could get some funding for proposal.*

Mr. Thomas Jordan, 4469 E Lake Rd., stated I just thought it would be a good idea for the city to start on for something simple to break the trail off and go that way too. I was just wondering what kind of interest we would get out there. Chairman Lewis asked what is the pier going to be used for? Mr. Jordan answered fishing or recreation, you know I have stopped at just about every pier on Lake Erie and walked on it. You live on Lake Road, you just see people drive all day looking for somewhere to stop and they just seem to drive right by us. I just thought that would be a simple way to get people started stopping here. Chairman Lewis stated it wouldn't be like the boat launch or anything. Mr. Jordan answered just a simple pier. Mayor Bring advised I think what Tom is looking for is permission from the Park Board is to maybe move forward with the committee and see what kind of interest it draws to see if we can do this in the back and we have plenty of land for parking. Like I said just to see if we can come up with some conceptional drawing and see what kind of money it would cost. Mr. Jordan stated then there is that property across the street from the Civic Center. Mayor Bring stated I think somebody already bought it. Superintendent Hastings stated they were just in my office today and I don't know if it was purchased but they are researching building homes there. Mr. Jordan stated that would have been nice to tie that altogether. Member Kovach stated well, technically it is as the trail comes down Lake Road

and it attaches to the bike lanes, that is how it operates. The bike lanes come down both sides of Lake Road so technically all we would have to do is put a sidewalk on it and a crosswalk across, it does tie to the trail. Mr. Jordan stated I meant that piece of property across the street. Member Kovach advised no, I get it and your suggestion of wanting and suggesting that we could tie the actual trail across the property, it already technically is because it attaches to the bike lanes which is what that trail was all designed for. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to approve the proposal of Mr. Jordan in forming a committee and working with members to form an exploratory committee for fact finding in seeking the feasibility of said proposal. Yeas All. Mr. Jordan asked would we be able to use the Civic Center to have a meeting in? Member Kovach stated I would think so, you need to talk to that gentleman right there. Superintendent Hastings answered yes, it is for the betterment of that property. Mayor Bring advised with all the reserved going on there, you would probably have to sit something up. Superintendent Hastings advised yes, I would have to get some days for you. Once you give me some ideas, would you be talking during the day or the evening. Mr. Jordan answered it would probably be in the evening. Superintendent Hastings advised off the top of my head, on a short review I could tell you Thursdays are good, actually they are for some rental business but most Mondays are good. You would compete on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mr. Jordan advised let's just wait because I will be gone in February but will be back the beginning of March. There was a brief discussion on putting committee and proposal of the webpage. Mayor Bring advised we do make announcements on the water bill too. So, we could do something like that and put it on there but most people don't read it. Member Kovach advised Facebook is probably your best, first choice because you will get the word out, whether it be in a positive or negative sense. You should actually get a pretty good crowd for whatever your first meeting should be. That seems to be the way of the world anyhow. Councilperson Gee stated I could put it on the events on the Facebook site that I have and also share on a bunch of different sites. Mr. Jordan stated I will set up a date and I appreciate it. There was a brief discussion on proposal and necessary approvals that would have to be had (ODNR, Army Corp of Engineers), etc.

MAYOR REPORT/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: None.

SUPERINTENDENT – PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Superintendent Hastings advised the volunteers who contacted the city and I tentatively agreed with your permission tonight of course for the Easter Egg Hunt at Gary Green Park to take place on April 13, 2019 and I believe that is Julia Mohrbach who has been doing the event now for several years and does a really nice job. *Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey to approve the event as advised. Yeas

All. Superintendent Hastings continued we did have an audit, I use that term loosely here from I believe Attorney Michael Tully who handled a probate case for the Windsor Estate which was the money donated to the city in 2016. So, they wrote a letter on behalf of the estate wondering how the city was progressing. I just wanted to briefly read our response in that we capitalized on the funds by leveraging the money as matching and start-up capital towards grants. To date, we have completed 5 grant projects representing \$483,000.00 of the bequeathed total of \$147,000 and we have spent \$83,000 with a remaining balance of \$64,000 and I didn't include all the digits behind it is being considered to support expansion of nature trails, potential splash pad and/or additional playground equipment and then I just described that we had just put in a new public restroom, concession building, lakefront observation deck, skate park and 2 playgrounds to date. So, in summary, we have done \$483,000 and using \$83,000 of their money. So, it was pretty nice letter to write to them. This is by no means approved or official but I was happy to report to the Mayor that our project of continuing the nature trail from the covered bridge to the boat launch including pedestrian crossing has made the short list for NOACA and that is an eight-foot wide trail, assuming that we can stay within the right-of-way, narrow here and there but that is 5 counties applying for those monies. I think there were 8 or 9 projects awarded or recommended. So, I might be a little premature in announcing that and it is certainly not official but I am very excited. I have tried a couple of times to fund that project. In 2019, my final note, we are going to resubmit the Lincoln Trail project that wasn't funded but that is coming up again in February. We will try again to fund that, it is about \$400,000.00. I just want to confirm with the Board that you are still in high consideration for potential dog park at Freedom Park. The city has tried now for 3 years to get a very difficult grant through PetSmart which is nationwide and they give about 15 or 20 grants the year. There are hundreds and hundreds of cities all over the country and I might be retired before I win that one. But we have researched building and installing it ourselves, I think it is something that we can do in phases and achieve for the Park Board if you are in favor of that still, I can work towards that. I mean the Mayor and I have talked about it but I wanted to make sure that the Park Board was still on board with that. Chairman Lewis polled the Board and advised Superintendent Hastings to move forward with it. Citizen asked where is Freedom Park? Superintendent Hastings advised it is at the west end of the city at the end of East and West Drives. We just put a new playground and a new pavilion there.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skate areas: **None.**

Boat Launch: **None.**

Memorial at Shell Cove Park: **None.**

Guenther Park: None.
Lakewood Beach Park: None.
Ferndale Park: None.
Freedom Park: None.
Gary Green Park: None.
Memorial Park: None.
Erie Shore Park: None.
West Shore Park; Community Center addition – None.
Grants, Gifts & Awards:
Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge: None.
Lincoln Nature Trail: None.
ODNR grant Boat Launch project – None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
 *Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey 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.

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 January 14, 2019.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
Rick Rosso