

**Minutes of the Park Board
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio
June 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, June 17, 2019. Councilman Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

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

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting as written. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR REPORT/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: None.

SUPERINTENDENT – PARK/RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Superintendent Hastings advised under items below.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skate areas: Superintendent Hastings reported the city/ mayor signed a contract about a week ago to double the size of the concrete pad, it would be another 40 x 80 pad. Perpendicular to other pad, forming a T, heading towards Ferndale, it would be more visible. Limited on space, will have to relocate smaller playground equipment. That will be realized in July. The cost of the complete skatepark is coming in at \$59,000. We won't be pursuing that this year, however Tony Hawk has a grant I may try for, However I don't know the timeframe now. We may be able to piece meal and slowly buy a piece each year .

Boat Launch: Superintendent Hastings reported the marathon is scheduled June 30th. We have high water there so our first concrete approach has been underwater most of the season, however the boats have been able to utilize it. Ford Motor company called this afternoon and wants to film a commercial there of a boat being pulled out by a Ford truck. I'm going to reach out to them tomorrow, I hadn't had a chance to talk to the mayor. Only problem is, the are talking about July and I wouldn't want it to conflict with fireworks and all that good stuff. Councilman Kovach responds: Well technically if you did it on that Friday it would be closed. That's a thought. Superintendent Hastings: Yeah that's a good idea, I don't know the date, they just said July. Does the board have an opinion or

thought on if there should be a fee or ask for a donation, or would it be gratis? That's something I was going to ask the mayor, but I didn't get the call til late in the day. Is there an opinion on that? Councilman Kovach: I don't see why we can't seek a donation. Superintendent Hastings: Yeah, that's what the finance director said, I did see with her at the end of the day. Councilman Kovach: I think that would be the most appropriate and I think in the past they had wanted to donate **Shell Cove Park:** Superintendent Hastings reported that is just a pending grant and the one thing that has caught our radar is that deck we want to stain or put some kind of a clear coat on it as it is starting to show some weather already. This was another Pride Day project where we brought in mulch but we ran out of day but the material is there. That Park although it is a sewer station, it will still help the beauty of the park. But that roof on that building is also aged on that building so we are going to put a metal roof on that, we are going to try to get like a copper touch on it. It is not really a park building but nonetheless it is in that park.

Guenther Park: Superintendent Hastings reported we are, I think I am amid soccer season now. All of our parks, as you know, have been very challenging this season due a lot of rain/a lot of moisture. So, Guenther Park is more of a maintenance, the same as Lakewood Beach.

Lakewood Beach Park: Superintendent Hastings reported under Guenther Park.

Ferndale Park: Superintendent Hastings reported Ferndale Park's field was finally redone as far as the baseball field. That has a nice grade on it and fresh infield sand. Also, the department got a call today about wanting a permit for it's use, the baseball field. That has kind of faded off through the years, how we have permitted but if we receive them, I will try to identify time blocks so that there is some organization if it does pickup. But the Park guys did a real nice job on that. Member Kovach asked is that for one of the local teams or is that for a traveling team? Superintendent Hastings answered I didn't take the call personally, so I didn't get the specifics of it. The clerk had mentioned to them to contact me directly because nobody has penciled out any specific time yet but they didn't call.

Gary Green Park: Superintendent Hastings reported we did have some vandalism on some of the trees that we recently planted which one was snapped in half. It was only a year old so that was disappointing, we have tried to mend it and it probably has a 30% chance of survival. That park is also, very wet. Also, the city is trying to reignite that project of getting some camera's in that park as well and this only fortifies it with this recent vandalism. I did work towards that goal last year at the end of the season but the power that is available is pretty far away from that pavilion. Even though there is poles close, they are not allowed to tap into those lines for whatever reason. So, that kind of stalled it but I do have everything together to move forward on that.

Freedom Park: Superintendent Hastings advised we are also trying to concrete underneath the pavilion at Freedom Park. That is getting some fair use and it is turning into a bit of a mud pit under there. I have reached out to some contractors who are very busy. However, my most recent conversation has been with Wellington Builders who has done the Boat Launch restroom as well as the addition at the Community Center. I might be able to get them on a schedule by mid to late June. So, I will definitely explore and get the Freedom Park and then look at the expense of expanding the pad.

Memorial Park: Superintendent Hastings reported of course, we will have ready for the ceremony I am assuming, are you going to do the ceremony? Councilperson Gee answered yes and requested could you check the electricity over by that stage as it wasn't working this fall? Superintendent Hastings answered yes, I will check that. Member Kovach asked times on the ceremony? Councilperson Gee answered anywhere from 8:30 in the morning so I would suggest that people arrive before 8:30. Amvet's is who does it and they have never given us a set time. They start going through the city once they all meet and start going through the city and lowering the flags, so it is whatever time they meet and get through the process

Erie Shore Park: Superintendent Hastings reported this park is just maintenance and we did have an event on May 5th where there was a car accident into the pole that is in front of the grass over there in the park. It knocked out a street light and traffic signal were impacted but nothing to the park much. We have the insurance information on that.

West Shore Park; Community Center addition – Superintendent Hastings reported working toward completion now. The week of June 3rd, they will put the epoxy floor down and just this past week they poured the concrete pad next to the building. We are in the process of backfilling where the road was and that will all be seeded. The dumpsters have their own enclosure now so the complaints should subside there. Also, the week of June 3rd the entire building will be painted a lighter shade of gray to kind of blend the entire project together. There is a red awning that was done on the front to kind of draw the two together which will have soffit underneath it blend it all and it looks a lot better. It is like exposed wood right now. There are new can lights underneath there and just today we had the window replaced in the little room and there will be some metal trim put around that in the near future. On Pride Day, we put down 7 yards of mulch. The gazebo, we did pull out all the mature growth so it is nice and exposed now and we did a light coat of mulch just because we do have events going on there. However, we do have quotes coming in for a new black metal roof on that as it is still the original roof from 1986. So, we got our money worth. The railings are pretty worn out so we are going to have those removed and replace with a black aluminum spindles, a

white vinyl cap on the rail itself and then the remaining lumbered post and whatnot to be painted that same gray. It should really come together nice.

Grants, Gifts & Awards:

Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge: Superintendent Hastings reported the covered bridge was also part of Pride Day. I got the OSU extension on the Ohio State and the master gardeners volunteer to plant petunias. Member Kovach stated at least they were properly spaced. Superintendent Hastings concurred they were and they told me a lot about petunias. They also ironically identified poisonous hemlock and I had never heard of it which is very toxic to animals. She identified that and stated she is going to send me some literature on irradiating it. It is more troublesome to cattle and such growing on farms. That was really nice and the first that we had that group here, they were very nice and knowledgeable. I believe it is part of an internship, I think they are in their fifties so maybe continuing education or internship to advance in their careers.

Lincoln Nature Trail: Superintendent Hastings reported it is still being considered
Pier behind Community Center – Superintendent Hastings reported I haven't heard anything on that and I stand ready to get a consensus on what this Board or a volunteer committee might come up with. With that information, I could come up with a draft to Coastal Management. I think at the beginning stage we would start with the engineering going for it which would include a cost analysis.

Superintendent Hastings reported Lake Erie continues to be a challenge for us as the Boat Launch is under water at the beginning entrance and there is really nothing we can do about that. We had a little bit of freezing in the bathrooms which are all repaired and open and operational every day and being checked everyday. I did have a little bit of damage that I noticed this morning.

Unfortunately, they are sitting on that counter, the teenagers and younger folks which it is not designed for but now they have broke the lamination right off. Not terrible but I might post something to kind of tell them not to sit on it. I am not sure really what to do, I am not a fan of signs everywhere but it is disappointing to see that. Member Kovach noted those signs would end up being an invitation to challenge it.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Kovach commented on the study that Planning Commission did and I don't know if anybody has seen that yet, the new plan that they came out with but which about 8 to 10 pages covered about the whole city but there is a 39-page addendum to that which is actually parks section of it. It has got pictures and it is more of a history of what we started with to where we have come in a little over 20 years and following through with the plan piece by piece. Just the difference of what it was 20 or 25 years ago to what they have expanded to now. Superintendent Hastings reported is scanned through that and I think Jonathan was a big contributor to that but I haven't read it thoroughly. I had seen a similar

rendition to that back when he was in sales so that kind of park equipment he had done that. You have probably seen some of that before on the Park Board. I have only gone through that kind of superficially because it is extensive. Councilperson Gee noted back when he was coming and asking for playground equipment at Memorial Park and it is still back then because we don't have the new fence. He does mention one flagpole, things like that. So, I thought it was just from that. Superintendent Hastings concurred he used a template of something that he had built on some years ago. Member Kovach stated actually when they updated the parks Master Plan, it had been updated about 5 years ago and I am probably wrong because Len had actually brought an update to the Master Plan. If you read how the one that was updated went. He updated that because we had worked through the majority of things that we had in the earlier portion of it. It has been actually been a lot easier to get smaller grants which is the thing that has fed off of the other including the Park Pals coming in and doing their project and the class from Brookside doing their project over at Shell Cove. Superintendent Hastings stated I would hope that and as I understand it the Master Plan is going to be at a Council Worksession and it seems to me that that section that would affect the parks because it is so extensive might come before the Park Board and critique or whatever. So, that is the way it will work out. Chairman Lewis concurred.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee,
*Motion by Gee/Second by Dailey to adjourn at 7:24 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

Brandy Randolph

CHAIRMAN

James Lewis

I, Brandy Randolph, 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 May 20, 2019.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Rick Rosso