

**Minutes of the Park Board  
City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio  
March 18, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held Monday, March 18, 2019. Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

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

Superintendent Hastings advised under items below.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Skate areas:** Superintendent Hastings advised I was in contact with American Ramp this month. They are the ones who provided the pump track and we had original designs to expand that which I had mentioned in last months meetings. So, I am getting prices. I am going to have to call them because I still don't have them. So, on expanding that, we are at least looking at the cost for everybody to consider. Again, if we do that, I think we would need to expand the concrete because the basketball is popular.

**Boat Launch:** Superintendent Hastings advised it is scheduled to be dredged which we have found to be the most effective because they can really get out in the mouth of the channel and that has a cutoff date of, I believe April 15<sup>th</sup> because of the spawning season. So, I suspect them to mobilize here in the coming weeks. Chairman Lewis asked any further information on the movie? Mayor Bring answered they are coming in April and I think they were here the other day because I saw somebody down there taking pictures and doing some other things down there. They did not contact us, but they are supposed to come in April and bring a drone and some other stuff and then get back to us.

**Shell Cove Park:** Superintendent Hastings advised I am going after a Nature Works grant; this is the ship, but it is a condensed version which we can pass that

around if you would like. He continued this one is a condensed version because the funds available in Lorain County are significantly less than 2019, about \$65,000. The original one that we quoted at this year's spec's is about \$113,000. So, we wouldn't even come close to that if we were awarded the grant. The one that we are sharing with you is more about \$80,000 of which we could certainly match that fund if we are chosen.

***Guenther Park: None.***

***Lakewood Beach Park: None.***

***Ferndale Park:*** Superintendent Hastings advised we started researching a grant through the NPRA; National Park and Recreation Association to pursue funding for the basketball courts there. It is admittedly designed for less fortunate areas and Indians and minorities or urban areas that are under blight, that kind of thing. However, because we have written grants and received funding for a portion of our city considered LMI; low to moderate income, I might use those statistics to try to capture that money. Those quotes came in at about \$25,000 and this grant is worth about \$30,000 and it is at least worth a shot. Also, Freedom Park I just shared with the Mayor a visual of the swing sets. I did reach out to a local group. Mayor Bring advised the Kiwanian's, at the bowling alley. Superintendent Hastings advised I reached out to the Kiwanian's and they are looking for an event to sponsor and they have potentially up to \$3000.00 to contribute and then we would build this swing set addition with them as kind of a community effort, much like the Park Pals. Those numbers are coming in between \$10,000 and \$13,000.00 but admittedly I have some fancy swings on there where the parent and the child can face each other and move together.

***Gary Green Park:*** addressed above under Freedom Park under the NPRA portion. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

***Freedom Park:*** Superintendent Hastings advised I have started reaching out to vendors for ideas on the construction of the dog park as far as layout and some of the supplemental equipment for it.

***Memorial Park:*** Superintendent Hastings advised with Councilperson Gee here, perhaps she could comment. We were at one point looking at a gazebo. Councilperson Gee advised yes, they will be back in touch with us. We are laying some new pavers there and doing some work probably in June and then we will be talking about the gazebo and get with you right after that. So, it looks like we might not be doing that until October maybe.

***Erie Shore Park: None.***

***West Shore Park; Community Center addition*** – Councilperson Gee asked is there any plans on redoing the gazebo at the Community Center? Superintendent Hastings advised we have talked about removing the very mature landscaping that is there which is all but blocking it. The roof is original to 1986 and although it is

only missing a few pieces at this point, it really should be considered. I think the Mayor mentioned that some time ago, but I have not pursued it. Councilperson Gee stated because we want to start using it with the seniors when the weather gets nicer.

***Grants, Gifts & Awards:***

***Brookside Nature Trail & Covered Bridge: None.***

***Lincoln Nature Trail:*** Superintendent Hastings advised pending in the ODNR's natures grant.

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

***Pier behind Community Center –*** Superintendent Hastings advised no activity, but I believe Mr. Jordan might still be out of town. Councilperson Gee advised he just got back a week ago today and he says he has not done anything at all. Chairman Lewis asked are you going to put a pier out behind the center? Mayor Bring answered that is our plan but that is not going to start this year. It will take a while to do all of that. We are probably looking at how many millions of dollars – 3 or maybe more? Superintendent Hastings answered well, that depends on the scope, but you are in the millions. Mayor Bring added by the time you do all the engineering and everything else, engineering is a lot of money.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Triathlon; is scheduled again this year June 30<sup>th</sup> which is a Sunday and we are kind of excited that they will have use of the concessions room as well as public restrooms. Member Kovach stated we had a question about that at a meeting this morning. She was just wondering what you use for hills or is it going up and down the beach? Superintendent Hastings asked they start off swimming, don't they? Mayor Bring advised they must run; they have to bike, and they have to swim. I think the run is first and then they swim and then bike I believe. Superintendent Hastings stated I believe the run is after a swim and jumping on a bike. I would say it would be that launch because after they swim, they run up that hill and they look exhausted and they are only 2/3 done with that launch.

**CITIZENS COMMENTARY: None.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this committee,

\*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to adjourn at 7:13 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 March 18, 2019.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Rick Rosso*