

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – October 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia Franzmann called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7:02 pm at the Gahanna Senior Center.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cynthia Franzmann
Luke Messinger
Eric Miller
Laurel Naegele
Jan Ross
Jill Schuler
Vincent Tremante

In attendance from the City were Tony Collins, Director, Shannon Clonch, Recreation Superintendent, Kate Mattison, Recreation Supervisor, and Zac Guthrie, Recreation Specialist, Department of Parks & Recreation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Messinger made a **MOTION** to approve the September 7, 2011 meeting minutes; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Ross, Yes, Schuler, Yes, Tremante, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 7 – 0.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

Visitors in attendance

Steve Nye, Aquatics Board Member
Christopher Meyers, Meyers & Associates
Pete Scott, Meyers & Associates
Stephen Kolwicz, POD Design

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Presentation

Collins stated that he has previously spoken to the board regarding some of the challenges with the Gahanna Swimming Pool (GSP). In looking forward Collins would like to look at a plan to build a foundation for developing a plan for 2012-2013. Staff continues to find structural challenges with the pool. Operationally, the pool did a great job. Financially it was a productive season. GSP was built in 1956; it is time to start formal discussion regardless of the economy. We need to find solutions whether it is through our private partners, foundation, or through tax payer support.

Collins invited Christopher Meyers, and Pete Scott from Meyers & Associates and Stephen Kolwicz, POD Design to present the process it would take to complete an Aquatics Master Plan for the facility. The two firms have worked together on many projects including Westerville's Highlands Park Aquatic Center. Collins stated the facility is amazing and the return on investment this past year is amazing.

The presentation included the project experience the companies have and the detailed experience the companies have working together. An overview of the design process and the next steps were presented to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTORS REPORT

Collins distributed the report to the Board. Collins reported that Woodside Green Pond has been renovated. The Ash tree removal program is in place. Letters have been sent to residents regarding their Ash trees and the removal process. Twenty five trees were removed on October 3, 2011. Once training is completed on the new stump grinder Parks staff will begin grinding the stumps. The Facilities crew supported the Flea Market with set up and clean up, and golf carts for the high school. Budgets have been submitted to the Finance Department; they will go through the administrative review in the next three to four weeks. They are expected to be submitted to Council in late November for review and recommendation. There is very little variation from the spring submittal. Revenue is down from 2010 and it has been a very difficult season at the Golf Course.

Clonch shared that there is a Bike Rodeo being sponsored by Safe Routes to School Program at Jefferson Elementary on Saturday, October 8th. The event is open to all ages. OHEC is having their annual Harvest Day on October 8th, 9am – 4pm at Creekside Plaza and OHEC. The 2nd Saturday event will be an OSU Tailgate. The Creekside Festival is October 12th on Mill Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aquatics Advisory Committee

Nothing at this time

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Collins stated that BWT Section 1 & 2 is moving along. Some of Section 1 has been closed due to the culvert reconstruction. Tech Center Drive trail is on time and should be completed this fall. The Bike route system signs are all in place.

Tremante and Schuler stated some of the signage is confusing on which direction to go.

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Nothing at this time

Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Collins stated that the Friday after Five raised around \$15,000. Collins stated the Foundation had a 2012 planning session scheduled on September 29, 2011.

School Board Report

Schuler stated the next meeting is Tuesday October 11th at Clark Hall. The RFP process for the two additional buildings has been completed. There will be restaurants and service companies located in the buildings. Ground breaking is in February.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Tremante reported that an article about the Aquatics Center in St. Louis, MN is using sphagnum moss to treat their pools. It cut their chemical use by \$36,000, maintenance savings of \$40,000.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time, Messinger made a **MOTION** to adjourn.

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2011

Cynthia Franzmann, Chair