

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – April 2, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Vinnie Tremante, Chair called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 7:02pm, at the Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cynthia Franzmann
Luke Messinger
Eric Miller
Andy Piccolantonio
Vincent Tremante

Absent: Jan Ross
Jill Schuler

In attendance from the City Administration was Tony Collins, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

New Business – Senior Center Advisory Board Appointment

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Miller made a **MOTION** to approve the March 5, 2014 meeting minutes; seconded by Messinger. **On roll call vote:** Franzmann, yes, Messinger, yes, Miller, yes, Piccolantonio, yes, and Tremante, yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Cell Tower Request update

Collins stated that the city has now received five cell tower requests. Staff is discussing and the contracts are being reviewed by the attorneys.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Center Advisory Board Appointment

Collins stated the Senior Center Advisory Board is requesting the re-appointment of Betty Shepherd to their Board for another two years.

Messinger made a **MOTION** to appoint Betty Shepherd to the Senior Center Advisory Board for two years; seconded by Miller. **On roll call vote:** Tremante, yes, Franzmann, yes, Messinger, yes, Miller, yes, and Piccolantonio, yes. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTORS REPORT

Collins presented the department update. Contracts for both the City owned pools for operations and concessions were submitted to Council with a waiver and emergency and will be on the consent agenda for the April 7, 2014 meeting.

Collins shared that the Ohio Herb Education Center revenue has increased 83% over this time in 2014. The Center has nine tours scheduled with the DVB, had 7 events with 250 participants and has had eight presentation with 400 in participants. The Center has seen the weekly visits increase to an average of 50 people. Brooke Sackenheim has appeared twice on Good Day Columbus and there is a joint Community School Garden project underway.

Collins stated the Gahanna Youth Football League has folded. The schools are forming a city league.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aquatics Advisory Committee

Franzmann stated the next meeting is scheduled to April 16, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Golf Course.

Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

Collins stated the next meeting is in May. Kate Moening will Chair the committee. The committee will help MORPC with a trail count this spring.

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Tremante shared there was a salamander count at Gahanna Woods.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Miller stated the Foundation discussed the budget, Creekside Live and the Friday after Five. Collins stated the Friday After Five needs a chair and volunteers on the committee.

Veteran's Memorial Committee

Franzmann stated the dedication is on May, 26, 2014 at 1pm.

School Board Report

Nothing at this time

Piccolantonio shared some of the pros and cons of the Spring Break Camp.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time, Messinger made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ripley, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014

Vinnie Tremante, Chair