

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – June 4, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Eric Miller, Vice Chair called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 7:03pm, at the Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cynthia Franzmann  
Luke Messinger  
Eric Miller  
Jan Ross  
Vincent Tremante – phone in

**Absent:** Andy Piccolantonio  
Jill Schuler

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

New Business

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Messinger made a **MOTION** to approve the April 2, 2014 meeting minutes; seconded by Cynthia. **On roll call vote:** Franzmann, yes, Messinger, yes, Miller, yes, and Ross, yes. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Big Walnut Trail**

Collins updated the Board on the Big Walnut Trail (BWT). This year section 5 is scheduled to be built. The preliminary engineering has begun. BWT Section 5 runs from the end of McCorkle Park, down Olde Ridenour Road to Creekside. The challenge is when it comes to the golf course; the path can either be in front of or behind the golf course clubhouse. There are a couple issues with both options; golfers, fencing will be required to keep the golf balls off the trail, and it will reduce the sledding hill.

**Foxwood**

Collins updated the Board on the Foxwood development. Originally the developer submitted a proposal to build a cul-da-sac. Since the original proposal was approved the US EPA and Ohio EPA have changed the laws regarding storm water. The developers have a new proposal to for a storm water basin; however it would require the City to lift our conservation easements on those lots. The conservation easements are there to protect the Button Bush swamp in Gahanna Woods. The City requested the developer contact ODNR and OEPA to see if the proposed storm water basin will adversely affect the Button Bush swamp. The NRAC

committee and staff looked at the proposed designs and have a couple issues. Staff went to the developer; the project engineer stated the developer has a new proposal. The City Attorney said the new proposal needs to go to Planning Commission for a public input process. We also believe that when the developer is ready to precede the OEPA will get involved. The City is waiting to hear what is going to happen.

### **Youth Sports**

Collins stated that the Department has partnered with the schools and Jump Start Sports to form a youth football league. A website has been set up with information and on-line registration. Flag football will be run by Jump Start Sports, the schools and volunteers will run the tackle program. Volunteers are needed help run the league. There will be a community registration day soon.

### **Youth Sports Coordination**

Collins stated that with the re-organization of the department, Zac will oversee all the field rental and youth sports league contracts and athletic fields.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Collins shared the updates from April and May. The pool facilities are both open. The contract is going well. Total revenues for the recreation division are up from last year. The Golf Course is down, mainly due to the late winter/rainy spring. General recreation is up over \$34,000, with the majority of increase in camp enrollment.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nothing at this time

### **MEMBERS COMMENTS**

#### **Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation**

Nothing at this time

#### **Veteran's Memorial Committee**

The Veteran's Memorial dedication was on May 26, 2014 at 1pm. Police Officer Ed Wheeler was the speaker.

### **School Board Report**

Nothing at this time

### **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 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Ripley, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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Vinnie Tremante, Chair