

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – September 3, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Eric Miller, Vice Chair called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 7:03pm, at the Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cynthia Franzmann
Luke Messinger
Eric Miller
Andy Piccolantonio
Jan Ross
Jill Schuler

Absent: Vincent Tremante - phone

In attendance from the City Administration was Troy Euton, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

New Business – Donation Request

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ross made a **MOTION** to approve the August 6, 2014 meeting minutes; seconded by Messinger. **On roll call vote:** Franzmann, abstain, Messinger, yes, Miller, yes, Piccolantonio, yes, Ross, yes, Schuler, yes. **Motion carried 5 – 1 abstains.**

OLD BUSINESS

Pool

Euton shared a copy of the Comprehensive Look at Aquatics in Gahanna that was presented to Council on August 25, 2014. The information included history of aquatics in Gahanna, financial picture of the Recreation division including aquatics operations, the departments projected operations as aligning with the City's five year sustainable operating model. Projection of aquatics operations given four operating scenarios, comparative information regarding regional aquatic facilities, a summary of proposals received from the 2014 RFP for lifeguards, water management and concession operations and common FAQs.

Cell Tower – Academy Park

Euton stated that AT&T is working on a new engineering plan for the proposed cell tower at Academy Park. The plan will be available for the next meeting for consideration of the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation request – Gahanna Jaycees

Euton shared a letter from the Gahanna Jaycees requesting a reduction in the price of the shelter rental at Woodside Green Park.

Ross made a **MOTION** to approve a discounted rental rate to the Gahanna Jaycees for a Halloween Party; seconded by Schuler. **On roll call vote:** Ross, no, Schuler, no, Franzmann, no, Messinger, no, Miller, no and Piccolantonio, no. **Motion denied 0 - 6.**

The Board has denied the fee reduction request based on the following information: The Board established fee policy states there is no subsidy of facility reservations.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTORS REPORT

Nothing at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aquatics Advisory Committee

Nothing at this time

Bicycle & Trail Advisory Committee

Next meeting is September 15, 2014

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Tremante stated that at the Southwest Floodplain there is a 50' easement that has been cleared, parallel to Price Road; in preparation for a sanitary line. In 2008 NRAC evaluated the park and identified wetlands in those areas. The evaluation was done for the purpose of due diligence so that if and when a project came along you know something is there and it could be formally evaluated; impact it, but get a permit; avoid it all together. The easement went directly through the areas identified as wetlands. At the time Tremante didn't know it was a city project and filed a complaint with the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE). The complaint was received on September 2, 2014; the ACOE will contact the City Engineer.

Tremante is concerned that there was no due diligence on behalf of the city when doing work in a park. The upfront work should have been done on this project. Euton shared that our department wasn't aware the project began. The project manager notified the Parks Superintendent that they were going to be on park property and clear a couple of trees. The Superintendent was not aware of the report. It was up to the engineer to have looked at the land for any impact prior to starting the project.

Tremante stated that he and another member of NRAC met with members from the City, ODNR, OEPA and the developer regarding the Foxwood Development; on the south side of the Gahanna Woods State Nature Preserve. The developer wants to put in a detention basin that will allow the emergency overflows to discharge into the wetlands; which NRAC believes is not legal by state water quality regulations and it is not good for wetlands overall. Tremante recommended that the developer try to find a way to reroute the emergency flows away from the wetlands and to provide mitigation for losses of groundwater recharge. Euton stated the developer is working on a new storm water plan.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Ross said the Foundations fundraiser this year is Creekside Hopes & Vines is on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Tickets can be purchased on line.

Veteran's Memorial Committee

Veteran's Day Dedication is November 11, 2014 at 11am.

School Board Report

Schuler stated the next meeting is Thursday, September 4th, they will be discussing a levy

planning meeting. The new bleachers are completed at the high school. The new high school principal has started.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time, Schuler made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ripley, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2014

Eric Miller, Vice Chair