

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – May 1, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Luke Messinger, Chair called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 7:05pm, at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cynthia Franzmann  
Luke Messinger  
Eric Miller  
Laurel Naegele  
Jill Schuler  
Vincent Tremante– arrived 7:20 pm

**Absent:** Jan Ross

In attendance from City Administration was Tony Collins, Director and Pam Ripley, Administrative Assistant, Department of Parks & Recreation.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Schuler made a **MOTION** to approve the April 3, 2013 regular meeting minutes; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** Franzmann, yes, Messinger, yes, Miller, yes, Naegele, yes and Schuler, yes. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2013 Story Trail**

Ripley stated that the 2013 Story Trail “The Acorn” at Friendship Park is in collaboration with the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Gahanna branch, High School Creative Writing class, art students and Parks & Recreation kicks off on Saturday, May 11 at noon at Friendship Park.

**Survey results**

Collins stated the results from the survey were received. Surveys were sent out in March and April to 2,000 random households. The number of surveys returned was 745 or 34%. Normal return rate is 2 – 3%. Respondents were asked to rate the conditions of the parks they visited in Gahanna, 93% indicated the parks were in excellent/good condition. National average is 31% excellent/good condition. Participation in programs and activities, 71% indicated they participated in a program or activity, compared to the national average of 35%. Quality of programs offered was 86.3% were excellent/good, with 1% saying they were poor. The information from the survey will be posted at a later date on the City website.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

Collins presented an update from the Parks Division and Recreation Division for April.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Aquatics Advisory Committee**

Nothing at this time

**Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee**

Nothing at this time

**Natural Resources Advisory Committee**

Tremante stated that the committee has provided support on the Foxwood/Gahanna Woods storm water issue.

**MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation**

Nothing at this time – April meeting cancelled

**Veterans Memorial Committee**

Dedication ceremony, Monday, May 27, 2013, at 1pm

**School Board Report**

Schuler stated the City and the schools are working on a TIFF for a business at Claycraft Tech Center Drive Blvd. entryway project.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time, Schuler made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Ripley, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Luke Messinger, Chair