

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – March 7, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jan Ross called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7 pm at the Gahanna City Hall

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cynthia Franzmann – arrived 7:10pm  
Eric Miller  
Laurel Naegele  
Jan Ross  
Jill Schuler  
Vincent Tremante

**Absent:** Luke Messinger

In attendance from the City was Tony Collins, Director, and Shannon Clonch, Recreation Superintendent, Department of Parks & Recreation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Tremante made a **MOTION** to approve the February 1, 2012 meeting minutes; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Ross, Yes, Schuler, Yes, and Messinger, Yes. **Motion carried 5 - 0**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2011 Donation Report**

The 2011 donation report was distributed which included a comparison to 2010 donations. The department distributed a variety of passes and gift items to Non-Profit organizations throughout the year. Also included is a two year comparison of discounts given for facility rentals.

**Recreation Division**

Shannon Clonch, Recreation Superintendent presented the 2011 Recreation Annual Update, the 2012 Recreation Division year to date and financial goals.

There were 106,479 visits/participation contacts reported compared to 90,231 in 2010. To help control expenses in 2011 staff actively pursued sponsorships and in-kind donations. The department received over \$7,000 in in-kind donations and \$4,000 in sponsorships.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Arbor Day Planting is on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Chapelfield Elementary School at 1pm. The Board is invited.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Tony Collins distributed the Director's Report which includes updates from the Parks/Facilities Division and the Recreation Division. Collins stated the Mayor presented the State of the City to residents on March 6<sup>th</sup> and will present a community investment plan to Council on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Aquatics Advisory Committee**

Nothing at this time

### **Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Collins stated the committee has a new structure and is meeting quarterly. The committee has two sub-committees; education and engagement and the other is sustainability. The quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Natural Resources Advisory Committee**

Tremante stated the first meeting was at the new trail at Academy Park. The next meeting is scheduled on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Headley Park. The committee will focus on a couple of spaces that are considered park land dedication spaces.

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

Ross stated that the Foundation has hired a bookkeeper. The Foundation is working on Friday after Five scheduled on September 21, 2012 and is seeking committee volunteers and a committee chair.

### **School Board Report**

Schuler presented the School Board report. The Board has hired a company to search for the next superintendent. On March 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a community forum and focus group meetings to give input what is needed in the next superintendent. The Education Foundation raised over \$100,000 at the annual fundraiser. The new construction of the additional buildings around Clark Hall has started.

## **MEMBERS COMMENTS**

None

## **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 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Ripley, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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Jan Ross, Chair