

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – October 7, 2009**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Vincent Tremante called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:12pm at Gahanna City Hall

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Cynthia Franzmann  
Luke Messinger  
Eric Miller  
Laurel Naegele  
Windy McKenna  
Vincent Tremante

**Absent:** Diane Cantrell

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Messinger made a **MOTION** to approve the September 2, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2010 Budget**

Collins presented the 2010 proposed budget for the department. Collins explained due to the economic impact each department had to cut their proposed budgets by 10%. Collins explained some programs will be re-evaluated and a possible reduction in the length of the music series. The department will significantly cut the hiring of part time staff next year. The proposal includes a reduction in the turf program and the downtown beautification program.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Collins distributed the Director's Report which includes updates on the Ohio Herb Education Center, paddle boats, arbor program and programs.

The City received \$250,000 from Clean Ohio Trail Fund and \$150,000 from the Recreational Trail Program for Section 7 of the Big Walnut Trail. The purchase contract for Central Park Greenway will be executed in this week. The court case for the Webber property was settled at

the City's asking price. If approved by Council the Department will be submitting a proposal for \$598,000 for Safe Routes to School Grants.

October 17, 2009 is the dedication of the Big Walnut Trail Section 6 at 9:15am at Creekside. The Creep, Crawl or Run 5K will begin at 9:20am with the first runner to the bridge breaking the ribbon to open the trail.

October 24, 2009 Make A Difference Day, volunteers are need to clean the southwest floodplain area.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AAC** - No update at this time

**BAC** - Naegele stated October is Walk to School month. Each school is planning a walk to school day, Lincoln Elementary is Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 7am, Jefferson Elementary is Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7am. The next meeting is October 26, 2009.

**DPAC** – Collins has met with several members of the committee regarding meeting only when it is necessary to advise the Parks & Recreation Board on projects.

**NRAC** – Tremante stated next walk may be at Central Park at 8:30am on October 10, 2009.

### **MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**The November 4, 2009 meeting will be at the Ohio Herb Education Center, 110 Mill Street, Gahanna Ohio at 7pm.**

**Parks & Recreation Foundation** – Tremante stated the Gala is February 6, 2009 at Creekside Conference & Event Center. This year's theme is Mardi gras.

**Veteran's Memorial Committee** – Franzmann stated the next dedication is November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The committee is considering reading off all the new brick names. The theme is "The Year of the Non Commissioned Officer".

**School Board report** – McKenna stated the next meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Board will be looking at approving an application for \$100,000 for a Safe Routes to School Grant. The Board voted on hiring the construction manager for Building 1. The building should be completed by the 2011 school year.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Vinnie Tremante, Chair