

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – March 4, 2009**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Vinnie Tremante called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 7:01pm at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Cantrell made a **MOTION** to approve the February 4, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Miller. **On roll call vote:** McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

New business – Gahanna Swim Club Scholarships

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Eric Troutman 441 Springwood Lake Drive Gahanna OH 43230  
Girls Softball players, coaches and parents were present at the meeting  
Representing Anchor Recycling LLC, 453 Claycraft Rd, Gahanna OH 43230  
Larry Gumsorick  
Steve Legg

Eric Troutman spoke on the need for softball fields in Gahanna.

Gumsorick and Legg stated their company purchased a salvage yard off of Claycraft Road and they have plans to purchase 23 additional acres. Preliminary plans include possibly donating some of the land to the City and working with the City to apply for Clean Ohio Funds/Grants to clean up the property to build girls softball fields.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Committee By-Laws**

The Board reviewed the by-laws and made additional comments. Comments will be incorporated into the by-laws. By-laws are ready for distribution.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pricing Policy**

The Board reviewed the departments pricing policy and made changes.  
Cantrell made a **MOTION** to adopt the Parks & Recreation Fee Policy as amended; seconded by Messinger. **On roll call vote:** Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, yes, Franzmann, Yes,

McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, and Miller, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Field Use Policy**

The Board reviewed the departments' field use policy and made changes.

Miller made a **MOTION** to adopt the Parks & Recreation Field Use Policy as amended; seconded by Franzmann. **On roll call vote:** Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, and Naegele, Yes. **The motion carried 7 - 0**

### **Gahanna Swim Club Scholarships**

Collins explained that a local family had an agreement with the GSC; the family built the basketball court at the swim club; in turn the swim club agreed to give the family 10 family memberships yearly (scholarships) to be distributed to needy families in Gahanna. The family is asking for the Parks Board to allow them to distribute up to 10 family memberships for the 2009 season. Collins stated he would like the Board to approve the 10 scholarships this year. This agreement will have to be re-evaluated for any additional years.

McKenna made a **MOTION** to approve 10 family scholarships to the GSC; seconded by Franzmann. **On roll call vote:** Cantrell, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, and Tremante, Yes. **The motion carried 7 - 0**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Collins shared the department's highlights from February 2009 and the fee waivers/donations approved in 2008. The Department of Parks & Recreation waived fees for Gahanna Jefferson Schools, Community Partners and Partner Youth Sports. Based on the Gahanna Non-Profit rate the total fees waived was \$10,850.00 and the total tangible gift donations were \$2,023.

McKenna believes the Gahanna Junior Lionettes are not a school organization. McKenna would like staff to confirm with the school if the Gahanna Junior Lionettes are a school organization.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Aquatics Advisory Committee**

Collins stated the committee has not met as of this date.

#### **BAC**

Naegele stated at the February meeting Tricia Kovacs discussed the parent survey results. The SRTS grant is half way through the grant cycle; the school walks are scheduled. Naegele stated that the bicycle helmet law goes into effect in Columbus in June and asked if the City is considering a similar law?

#### **CIC**

Collins stated CIC reviewed the agreement between CIC and the City. CIC is sponsoring an event welcoming Net Jets into the community and asked if Parks & Recreation and possibly the Foundation, is interested in participating.

#### **DPAC**

Naegele stated the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled.

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

Tremante shared the Board voted on a logo for the Foundation and approved members at large. The Foundation has planned the Gala for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**NRAC**

Tremante stated the committee completed the inventory reports from last year. The Committee will meet and inventory Galloway Reserve on March 14, 2009 at 9am.

**Veterans Memorial Committee**

No update at this time.

**School Board Report**

McKenna shared the Board recognized 12 Students as National Merit Scholars. The Education Foundation Gala will be on Saturday, March 7, 2009, and is sold out. The Board approved the 2010 – 2011 school calendars.

**MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Miller would like to discuss further the committees of the Board. After some discussion it will be added to the next agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time, Miller made a **MOTION** to adjourn.

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

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

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Vinnie Tremante, Chair

\*NOTE: The tape from the meeting malfunctioned and did not record the minutes.