

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – August 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Laurel Naegele called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at 7:02pm at Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

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

Absent:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

HEARING OF VISITORS

Brian Anderson, 599 Moss Oak Ave, Gahanna Ohio inquired about the status of a softball complex.

Collins stated the city is working with the schools on an arrangement for a long term lease agreement for the Middle School West fields and building a restroom from one of the existing buildings.

Collins stated that the developers who have purchased the landfill and brought forward the plan to develop the site as a softball complex, the developers do not have the funding to complete the development of the site. The city has requested the developers to present the development formula of the steps needed to consider the project. At this time the city is waiting on the developers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Service to the Community Awards

Award ceremony will be August 14, 2009, 6pm at Friendship Park. W.G. Grinders is providing subs for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Elimination - Collins stated that the property elimination is on hold until some legal issues are work out.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Collins distributed the Director's report May through July. Collins updated the Board on several department projects. The preliminary 2010 spring budget was submitted to Council with a 10% decrease in expenses. The department has proposed reducing programming, the turf program, print issue of the Gateway and other operations to meet the 10% decrease.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been discovered in Gahanna. There are 1660 inventoried ash trees on public property and right of way. The department has created an EAB plan in order to deal with affected trees on public property. The department is recommending residents to contact an arborist to evaluate the tree if necessary and implement the corrective procedures. The department will begin treating the affected ash trees at the golf course.

Collins stated the committee will be hosting a meeting tentatively set for Monday, August 17th, 5:30pm with the Nob Hill Civic Association regarding an easement. Collins invited the board to attend the meeting.

Collins shared that he was elected Vice President of the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association for this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAC - No update at this time

BAC - Naegele stated the BAC is ready to roll out the draft of the Bicycle Master Plan.

DPAC - Naegele stated that Casey Canon announced he is stepping down as chair of the committee.

NRAC - Messinger stated the August walk is at Central Park Ravine.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

CIC - Cantrell stated she has resigned from the CIC board. Collins will see if another representative from the board is needed.

Parks & Recreation Foundation – Laurel stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 17th. The 2010 Gala is scheduled for February 6th at Creekside Conference & Event Center. Lee Tucker will head up the 2010 Gala committee.

School Board report - McKenna stated the School Board will be meeting with construction managers regarding the old Kroger site and the building will be removed in the next couple of months. Mr. White was hired as the new School Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009

Vinnie Tremante, Chair