

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – September 2, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Vincent Tremante called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at 7:10pm at Gahanna Swimming Pool.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Luke Messinger
Eric Miller
Laurel Naegele
Windy McKenna
Vincent Tremante

Absent:

Diane Cantrell
Cynthia Franzmann

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

McKenna made a **MOTION** to approve the August 5, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** McKenna, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, and Tremante, Yes. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Ambassador Commons Park update

Collins stated that a new playground has been installed at the park. The swings will be installed by the end of the week. The pond has been a concern of staff and neighbors for several years. Bill Loebeck walked the pond and felt the pond is not a great environment and there is no benefit in preserving the pond. The city originally dug the pond and has in past years filled it with hydrant water. Staff is meeting with the residents on September 8, 6pm to discuss the pond. It is the recommendation of staff to fill the pond, seed and straw the land.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swimming Pools update

Shannon Clonch shared rough income statements for both of the pools as of August 31, 2009. Revenues are ahead, however the final numbers are not available at this time. Clonch shared the capital expense improvements and operating improvements at both pools. Some of the items repaired/replaced at the Gahanna Swimming Pool were pump repairs, boilers conversion, technology updates, and restroom building updates, pool drain cover replacement, and playground replacement. The Hunters Ridge Pool had pump repairs, security system and technology updates, and pool drain cover replacement.

Based upon previous years member count and concession sales given to the City from the previous owners the numbers are down. We anticipated higher revenue.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Collins distributed the Director’s Report; the department has several surveys available on the city website for facilities and programs. The summer camp programs were very successful this year. The golf course is \$30,000 ahead of last year. October 24, 2009 is Make A Difference Day which is going to be a cleanup of property adjacent to Big Walnut Trail. Volunteers are needed for the event. The dedication of the Rice Ave/Foxwood Mini Park will be on Wednesday, October 7th, 5:30 – 7pm with the Board meeting following at City Hall.

Clonch distributed the Creep, Crawl and Run 5K information. The 5K is on October 17th and is run by Gahanna Youth Council and proceeds benefit the Foundation youth scholarships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAC - No update at this time

BAC - Naegele stated the SRTS plans have been approved. Each school will receive \$250,000 in funding. Each school is planning a walk to school day. Lincoln Elementary is Oct. 21st 7am, Jefferson Elementary is Oct. 22nd 7am.

DPAC – No update at this time

NRAC – Tremante stated the September walk is at Academy Park. Tremante and Mick Micacchion submitted a grant to the Ohio Environmental Arts Council (OEAC) for a vernal pool program at Woodmark Woods. OEAC will take the lead on the program if the grant is received.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

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 all day kindergarten is up and running. The cost is \$237 per month. Planning & Zoning has approved the plan for the demo and construction of the new school building. The construction management company has been chosen for the new building, they are LEED certified.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009

Vinnie Tremante, Chair