

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – January 6, 2010**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Vinnie Tremante called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:15pm at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Cynthia Franzmann  
Eric Miller  
Laurel Naegele  
Jill Schuler  
Vincent Tremante

**Absent:** Luke Messinger

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Tremante made a **MOTION** to approve the December 2, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Franzmann. **On roll call vote:** Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Schuler, Yes, Tremante, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Add to new business

- 2009
- 2010 appropriations
- Master Plan
- Donation request
- Parkland Dedication

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

At this time the Board discussed their committees. Representation to the committees as follows:

**Board Committees**

Aquatics Advisory Committee (AAC) – Cynthia, Eric

Bikeway Advisory Committee (BAV) – Laurel, Jill

Dog Park Advisory Committee (DPAC) – Vinnie, Cynthia

The Board recommend that DPAC meet twice a year or additional as needed. A letter will be sent to the committee regarding the two meeting dates/times and invite their participation.

Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) – Vinnie, Luke

## **Community Representation**

Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation – Laurel  
Veterans Memorial Committee – Cynthia  
Gahanna School Board Representative – Jill

## **2009 Summary**

Collins shared a presentation that was presented at a Parks & Recreation's all staff meeting in December 2009. Collins shared the 2009 City and department goals and the department accomplishments.

## **Master Plan – review and update**

Collins shared the time line regarding updating the 2005 Master Plan. Collins will facilitate the process and is counting on the Board to assist in the plan update. The first quarter will include the public input process; including surveys and focus groups, the inventory of the park land assessment and needs. The second quarter will focus on the first quarter outcome; identifying the community issues, verify core services, resource allocation and operational plan. The third quarter will be used to develop a set of recommendations and an action matrix. The completed updated plan will be completed in the fourth quarter.

## **Parkland Dedication**

The Board reviewed and discussed the parkland needs and technical assessment for 1105 Beecher Crossing North Melissa's House.

Tremante made a **MOTION** to recommend accepting fees in lieu of Parkland with the recommendation that the builders preserve the integrity of the slopes along the stream corridor; seconded by Franzmann. **On roll call vote:** Tremante, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, and Schuler, Yes. **The motion carried 5 – 0.**

## **Donation Request**

Franzmann requested on behalf of the Foundation Gala Committee a Family Pool Membership, a Single Golf Membership, a Standard Birthday Party Package, and a four hour rental at Hannah Park Shelter to be auctioned at the Gala to raise funds for camp scholarships. After some discussion the Board granted the donation request based on the Mission of the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation, which is committed to improving the quality of the Gahanna Parks & Recreation services for a healthier community.

Miller made a **MOTION** to grant to the Gahanna Park & Recreation Foundation one Family Pool Membership, a Single Golf Membership, a Standard Birthday Party Package, and a four hour rental at Hannah Park Shelter for the Foundation Gala; seconded by Cantrell. **On roll call vote:** Franzmann, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Schuler, Yes, and Tremante, Yes. **The motion carried 5 - 0.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Collins shared the department's highlights from December 2009. Collins invited board members to attend the Ohio Parks & Recreation Associations Awards Reception on January 24<sup>th</sup> in Akron. The Central Park property has closed and the construction on the path will begin in the spring. The department was awarded an ODNR Boating Safety Grant of \$17,000. The grant will allow the purchase of ten canoes, safety equipment, and training for boater safety education. Collins distributed the 2010 appropriations approved by Council and new city maps.

## **COMMITTEES' REPORTS**

### **Aquatics Advisory Committee**

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

### **BAC**

No updates at this time.

### **DPAC**

No updates at this time.

### **NRAC**

Tremante shared that the committee needs to complete the reports of parks they have already been assessed.

### **Parks & Recreation Foundation**

Tremante shared that new officers were elected; Lee Tucker, Chair, Matt Dehlendorf, Vice Chair. Luke Messinger and Eric Miller were appointed as Trustees, Tremante was appointed as a Member-at-Large. The Foundation is looking into other opportunities to raise money.

### **Veterans Memorial Committee**

No update at this time

### **School Board Report**

The School Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2010.

## **MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Nothing at this time

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Laurel Naegele, Chair