

**CITY OF GAHANNA  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES – November 3, 2010**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Laurel Naegele called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at 7:00 pm at Gahanna City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cynthia Franzmann  
Luke Messinger  
Eric Miller  
Laurel Naegele  
Jan Ross  
Jill Schuler  
Vincent Tremante

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ross made a **MOTION** to approve the October 6, 2010 meeting minutes; seconded by Schuler.

**On roll call vote:** Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Ross, Yes, Schuler, Yes, Tremante, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Donation Request**

Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Euton said that in regard to the Foundation's request for a 50% reduction in cost for the rental of the Gahanna Swimming Pool for the Family Fun Festival City Attorney Tom Weber said there is not a conflict of interest, since no one from the Foundation or the Parks & Recreation Board personally benefits from the decision; there is not a substantive conflict.

Messinger made a **MOTION** to approve a reduction of 50% (\$305) to the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation for the rental of the Gahanna Swimming Pool for the Family Fun Festival held on August 28, 2010; seconded by Franzmann. **On roll call vote:** Naegele, Yes, Ross, Yes, Schuler, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, Messinger, Yes, and Miller, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Property 94 Price Rd**

Euton stated that a request went to City Council to purchase the property at 94 Price Road for \$225,000. The property will provide 3.546 additional acreage and access to the new trails in the Southwest Flood Plain. This piece of property is not in the floodway; 90% of the property that the city owns in the same area is in the floodway. Being in the floodway means you cannot put in structures or utilities, floodways are very restrictive. The property also has topography to access the Southwest Flood Plain. The future use of having property out of the floodway and floodplain will be very valuable to the park. The pole barn on the property is a solid structure

and will be an asset to store parks equipment.

### **Code Change – 563.05 Firearms; Weapons**

Euton explained that the department took a request to City Council for changes to 563.05 Firearms; weapons; with the following request:

#### **563.05 FIREARMS; WEAPONS.**

(a) No person except law enforcement officers and/or a person with a valid concealed handgun license as defined in Ohio R.C. 2923.125 shall carry a firearm of any description, air or gas gun, bow, crossbow, or other missile-throwing substances, or air or gas guns onto or over the parks, or bring into the parks any pistol, switchblade, or hunting knife, dagger, metal knuckles, slingshot, or other dangerous weapon.

(b) A person carrying a concealed handgun within a municipal park must abide by the “duties of a licensed individual” as defined in Ohio R.C. 2923.126.

(c) Individuals participating in a department sponsored archery program, **FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM** and/or urban deer hunting program shall be permitted to use bows, arrows, **HUNTING KNIVES**, crossbows, **OR OTHER WEAPONS OR FIREARMS AS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR**, in accordance with such program. (Ord. 0087-2009.Passed 5-4-09.)

Euton stated that the department has been approached by several Boy Scout leaders to allow firearms orientation training needed for a shooting badge. The Boy Scout has to have instructions by a certified instructor on how to take apart, clean and put back together the firearm. The code change requested is to allow the Director to allow a permitted training.

Euton shared the draft firearms training permit that will need to be approved for training. After some discussion the Board would like to see the following information added to the permit:

- Post “Permitted Training in Progress” signs during trainings.
- Type of weapon being used for training.

### **110 Mill Street - OHEC**

Euton explained that the city has a lease purchase contract for the property at 110 Mill Street, which houses the Ohio Herb Education Center. The owner is requesting that the city buy the property earlier than what the contract states for a reduced cost. The contract is for a two year lease purchase option. If the city does not exercise the purchase option the lease payments will go up. There have been discussions with the owner regarding the lease payments and purchase option. Euton shared that the revenue, tours and exposure have increased due to the new location.

Ross asked if the Center is working on a business plan. Euton does not know if a plan is being worked on. Messinger stated he would like to help with the business plan for the Center.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Euton shared the Director’s Report with highlights from October. Euton shared the bridge over the Big Walnut Trail section 7 is expected to arrive the week after Thanksgiving. The foundation is currently being poured.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Aquatics Advisory Committee**

Franzmann explained that a request went to members looking to serve on the committee.

### **BAC**

Naegele stated the October meeting was cancelled; the group is now meeting quarterly

Tremante stated the Planning Commission is currently going through a downtown visioning plan for Olde Gahanna. Tremante is part of the stakeholder group. Bird Houk has been working on the plan. Planning Commission is trying to get the plan and development standards into code for Olde Gahanna. The bike master plan is not included in the plan. Tremante believes that the plan needs included into what they are working on.

**DPAC**

Nothing at this time

**NRAC**

Tremante stated the committee met with Alan Little, Parks Superintendent, regarding Big Walnut Trail (BWT) Section 1 and 2. The plan is west of Academy Park north to Morse Road. The committee has completed the natural resource assessment and there are some wetlands in the area.

Tremante is collecting tree seeds to plant in the area that has been cleared along the BWT section 8 for the bridge install.

**MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**Parks & Recreation Foundation**

The November meeting got cancelled.

**Veterans Memorial Committee**

The Veterans Memorial Dedication will be on November 11, 2010 at 11am at Veterans Memorial Park.

**School Board Report**

Schuler shared the Education Foundation has cancelled their fall fundraiser; not the spring gala. The fundraiser will be at Villa Milano; not in Gahanna. Since the levy failed there will be special meetings to see how to proceed.

**Citizen Financial Advisory Committee**

Ross stated that the committee will present their recommendations to City Council on December 6, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time, Schuler made a **MOTION** to adjourn; seconded by Naegele.

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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Laurel Naegele, Chair