

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – January 5, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cynthia Franzmann called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 7:43 pm at Gahanna City Hall.

Franzmann welcomed Gahanna Lincoln High School students to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Messinger made a **MOTION** to approve the November 3, 2010 meeting minutes; seconded by Tremante. **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

New Business – Aquatic Advisory Committee Appointments

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Parkland Needs and Technical Assessment

The Board reviewed and discussed the parkland needs and technical assessment for 5593 Havens Corners Road – Meadowbrooke.

Tremante made a **MOTION** to recommend accepting Parkland Dedication for 5593 Havens Corners Road - Meadowbrooke; seconded by Franzmann. **On roll call vote:** Naegele, No, Ross, No, Schuler, No, Tremante, No, Franzmann, No, Messinger, No, and Miller, No.

MOTION FAILS 0-7.

It is the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Board to accept fee-in-lieu of.

Service to the Community Awards

Collins explained that the awards are approximately ten years old. Over the past several years it has been a challenge getting public nominations and getting the community to attend. Staff would like a decision made about the 2011 awards; whether to continue with the same program or restructure it.

The board discussed the awards program and will form a sub-committee to meet with staff and bring suggestions back to the board.

Aquatic Advisory Committee Appointments

Collins stated that staff reached out to the pool membership and asked for interested persons to contact the department. There were 16 replies. Staff reviewed the applicants and hosted an informational meeting and narrowed the list to three people (Wendy O'Donnell, Matt Winger, and Kristen Zeltman) to be appointed to the Board.

Schuler made a **MOTION** to appoint Wendy O'Donnell, Matt Winger and Kristen Zeltman to the Aquatics Advisory Board; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** Tremante, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Ross, Yes, and Schuler, Yes. **The motion carried 7-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Collins shared the Director's Report from November and December for the Parks, Facilities and Recreation Divisions. Section 7 of the Big Walnut Trail is progressing. When the bridge is ready to be set, an invitation will go out to the Board. Section 8 was awarded funding through the MORPC Attributable Transportation funding program for 2014 construction.

Collins shared that Facilities Superintendent Carl Norris has announced he is taking advantage of the "early buyout" and will be retiring on April 8, 2011. The position will not be backed filled due to the budget cutbacks. Recreation Specialist Laura Brewer is due to have a baby at the end of the month. Tom Kneeland resigned from City Council effective December 31, 2011; he accepted the position of IT Director for Gahanna effective January 10, 2011. Council is interviewing prospective members and will appoint someone by February 2, 2011. February 8, 2011 is the deadline to file applications to run for Mayor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aquatics Advisory Committee

Franzmann stated the committee is meeting sometime in February.

BAC

Naegele stated the committee is meeting January 24, 2011 at 6pm.

NRAC

Nothing at this time

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Parks & Recreation Foundation

Collins shared that Council appointed John McAlister to the Foundation Board. Lee Tucker was elected Chair and Matt Dehlendorf was elected Vice-Chair of the Foundation for 2011.

Tremante shared that the Toopes family raised \$2,800 from a fundraiser walk on behalf of Bob Toopes. The money is earmarked for "comfort stations" along the Big Walnut Trail. The Board continues working on planning fundraisers and its work plan. The "Save the Freedom Festival" committee is working on fundraising. The donation letter and sponsorship packets have been completed and will be e-mail to this board. Collins stated that there was an article in the Dispatch regarding the Freedom Festival fundraiser.

Veterans Memorial Committee

Nothing at this time

School Board Report

Schuler shared that the leases for the first floor of Clark Hall are being finalized with educational institutions. The school board is having on-going discussions regarding when to go on the ballot again with another levy and for how much.

Schuler stated that a plan is being put together on where \$6 million will be cut from the school budget. Schuler participated in a webinar on joint use agreements between schools, parks and different cities departments. Schuler has been trying to think of joint uses between the city and the school and pull resources. If anyone has any ideas where the city and schools can collaborate please contact Schuler.

Citizen Financial Advisory Committee

Ross stated that the committee presented their report to Council on December 6, 2010 and recommended to increase Gahanna City income tax to 2 ½ % and to adjust the credit.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Parks & Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2011

Cynthia Franzmann, Chair