

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – January 14, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Vinnie Tremante called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:19pm at Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Diane Cantrell
Cynthia Franzmann
Windy McKenna – arrived 8:45pm
Luke Messinger
Eric Miller
Laurel Naegele
Vincent Tremante

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Naegele made a **MOTION** to approve the November 5, 2008 meeting minutes with typo corrected; seconded by Messinger. **On roll call vote:** Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add to new business

- Ordinance
- Fee waiver request

HEARING OF VISITORS

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS:

2009 Service to the Community Awards

The 2009 Service to the Community Awards will be on August 14, 2009. The Board discussed the location of the awards to be held at either Hannah Farms Park or Friendship Park; the decision will be made at a later date. Cynthia volunteered to help staff with the planning of the awards.

Committees Discussion/Assignments

The committees were discussed and assigned at the 2009 organizational meeting.

Ordinance 153.04, Setting of Fees

Collins shared the current ordinance with the Board. Currently the Golf Course fees are set by the Board and then recommended to Council for approval. There is a need for staff to have the ability to set and change the rates for the Golf Course.

After some discussion the following will be proposed to City Council.

Per Gahanna Codified Ordinances, Section 153.04, SETTING OF FEES

(a) ~~ANNUALLY t~~The (Parks and Recreation) Board shall have the power to establish charges and fees for City recreational programs and the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course. Fees and charges as set by the (Parks and Recreation) Board for the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course shall be effective thirty days after submission to the Clerk of Council, unless Council, by majority vote, overrides the action and establishes a different fee or charge within the thirty day period. In establishing reasonable charges and fees, the (Parks and Recreation) Board shall consider the cost of operation and the charges and fees imposed by other similar parks and recreational facilities. The (Parks and Recreation) Board may establish reasonable charges and fees to nonresidents of Gahanna in amounts greater than those charged residents of Gahanna. The recommendation to Council by the (Parks and Recreation) Board shall not be an action subject to mayoral vote. **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL A PRICING POLICY THAT GUIDES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARGES AND MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR CITY RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CITY USE.**

(b) **THE PRICING POLICY WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO SUBSIDY RATES, NON RESIDENT FEES, AND DISCOUNTS.**

~~(b)~~ (c) No permit or fee may be waived without the explicit consent of the Parks and Recreation Board. (Ord. 98-0416. Passed 11-2-98.)

Franzmann made a **MOTION** to recommend to Council the above changes to Ordinance 153.04; seconded by Cantrell. On roll call vote: Cantrell, Yes, Franzmann, Yes, Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, and Tremante, Yes. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Fee Waiver Request

Collins shared with the Board a fee waiver request from Olde Gahanna Community Partnership for the use of Creekside Park, Plaza and Rotary Stage on September 27, 2009 for a wedding gala.

Miller made a **MOTION** to approve a fee waiver for OGCP for a wedding gala; seconded by Messinger. On roll call vote: Messinger, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, Cantrell, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 6-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Collins shared the department's highlights from November and December 2008, 2009 department budget and the 2008 Golf Course/Hunters Ridge Pool summary. Collins also distributed the city and department goals for 2009 and shared that the city survey results are listed on the Gahanna web site.

COMMITTEES' REPORTS

Aquatics Advisory Committee

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

BAC

Naegele shared that SRTS is still on track. The Big Walnut Trail will break ground in the spring. The committee is sending a letter to the school board regarding an access path from Shull Park to the new school.

CIC

Cantrell shared they are continuing to work on the strategic plan. CIC is considering hiring a part-time planning person.

DPAC

Naegele shared the committee is working on recommendations for signage at the park and are working with Alan Little on the Field Use Agreement, Mission Statement and the ability of renting portions of the dog park for events.

Parks & Recreation Foundation

Tremante shared the next Foundation meeting is Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 8am. The year ended with approximately \$20,000. The Foundation Gala will be May 16th, with the British Invasion band and a 60's British theme.

Collins shared that the Foundation received the official notice from the IRS of its 501 (c)(3) status.

NRAC

Tremante shared that the committee is meeting on February 7, 2009 at 9am for an organizational meeting. The committee will work on a schedule for the year.

Veterans Memorial Committee

No update at this time

School Board Report

McKenna shared that the School Board extended Mr. Morris's contract for one year in order to complete the projects already started. The Board elected Charley Wise as President and Windy McKenna as Vice President. The Board projects going for a levy in 2010.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Miller would like to see a dedication plaque at Creekside for the park. A lot of people do not know it is a park.

Cantrell was a presenter at OPRA and was pleased with how well the conference was organized.

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 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009

Vinnie Tremante, Chair