



CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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TO: Gahanna City Council  
Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor

FROM: Troy Euton, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

DATE: April 7, 2016

**RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, April 11, 2016**

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

We are requesting an ordinance for a supplemental appropriation for \$26,818.62 from the unencumbered general fund to account 101.432.4303 an account created for this project. This supplemental is 100% offset by revenue as we received ODNR's 2016 Boating Safety Education Grant.

These funds will be utilized to buy canoes, kayaks, safety equipment and provide for paddling programs for our citizens. This grant application was authorized by resolution RES-0008-2015. We have verified receipt of these funds electronically with our Finance Department through the OAKS system.

While the grantor has communicated to our staff that the funds would be available later this month, we found out today that the funds were actually deposited on February 18<sup>th</sup>. These new units are scheduled for use on June 4<sup>th</sup> of this year for a program.

Looking at the Council meeting schedule, I am requesting an emergency for this action to ensure we can get the new units here in time for their inaugural trip in 2016.

**COUNCIL UPDATES**

**New Hires**

**Blaine Miskell** started March 7 as a full-time Golf Course Supervisor with Gahanna Parks & Recreation. He will be overseeing both the inside and outside operations of the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course. Blaine has worked as a Golf Course Superintendent at Pleasant Valley Golf Course for the past 15 years. He also has previous experience working at a municipal golf course and in construction. Blaine holds an Associate's Degree in Turfgrass Management from Ohio State University – Agricultural Technical Institute.

**Brian Gill** started March 17 as a full-time Aquatics Supervisor with Gahanna Parks & Recreation. Brian has over five years of experience working in the aquatics field, including his most recent experience as Aquatics Director for the Hilltop Branch YMCA. Brian has also held aquatics positions working for Disney World theme parks and resorts. Brian holds a bachelor's

degree from the Ohio State University in Sports and Leisure Studies and a Masters of Education in Recreation and Leisure Studies.

**Summer Hires**-almost half way through summer hiring of camp counselors and life guards.

**Camp Registration Day** was held February 27<sup>th</sup>, and we saw a 64% increase in the total money to be brought in from that day, including what was left to be billed for installments. Totals were 1308 camp spaces filled, \$210,187 brought in – including installments, and \$86,670 brought in that day.

Numbers for comparison:

| <b><u>On Registration Day</u></b> | <b><u>2015</u></b> | <b><u>2016</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Receipts                          | 74                 | 113                |
| Camp Spaces                       | 892                | 1308               |
| Money collected that day          |                    | \$ 86,669.97       |
| Including installments            | \$135,470.00       | \$ 210,187.25      |

**Golf Course** is now open for the season

**Park Planning Meeting**- for the parkland at McCutcheon and Hines Road attracted about 80 total residents and 29 unique park amenity ideas.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

Save the date of April 22 at 10:00 a.m. for the **Big Walnut Trail, Section 5 ribbon cutting** at the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course. Invitation and details coming to you the first of next week.

In partnership with the Community Aquatics Group we are again hosting the **Dash for a Splash** on Saturday April, 23rd. For those in the City's wellness program, this is a Marathon/Race eligible for the 50% reimbursement!

Register here: <http://www.speedysneakersracing.com/dashsplash5k>

April 22nd is the **Early Bird Registration Deadline** for Camp Registration and Pool Memberships. Many weeks of Camp Friendship are filled – don't wait any longer to register! And this year the fees for both Pool Memberships and Camps can be broken into monthly payments. See more programs online

**An Herbal Affair**—May 6, details and tickets available for purchase at OhioHerbCenter.org.

**Herb Day**—May 7 from 9am-4pm at Creekside Plaza. Details available at OhioHerbCenter.org

**Fireworks** and July 4 activities are in planning. KEMBA is presenting sponsor at \$8,000