



CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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TO: Gahanna City Council  
Becky Stinchcomb, Mayor

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

DATE: June 12, 2015

RE: **Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, June 15, 2015**

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item #1 – Ordinance – Land Purchase Contract**

Requesting an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase contract for up to 8.0 acres; Parcel ID 025-004277-00 and Parcel ID 025-005537-00 from Good Samaritan Reformed Church, 620 McCutcheon Rd. Gahanna OH 43230. Purchase price not to exceed \$640,000 per terms of the contract. Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$200,000 per terms of the contract from the unencumbered Capital Improvement Fund to account 325.122.5531 Land Acquisition Fund.

We have previously discussed the acquisition of 7.5 to 8 acres of property located at 620 McCutcheon Road. I know we are all aware how important this parcel of property is to the residents of Gahanna, particularly on central west side, our most severely underserved area of the city.

We met with the owners of the property last Tuesday to discuss in detail. The discussion resulted in a proposed price of \$80,000 per acre. We have ordered an appraisal of the property and will look to this appraisal to support the cost per acre. If it doesn't support that price we will discuss with the seller and council as necessary.

The purchase quantity should fall somewhere between 7.5 acres and 8 acres, pending survey. Since the discussions to date have been from sketches, this exact quantity is to be determined on the survey is complete. It is for this reason I propose we approve up to 8 acres instead of 7.5. Members of the church think this is a more accurate amount. We will walk with the property with the church to delineate the actual lot split prior to survey.

The church is agreeable to a three year term with \$200,000 down and the remaining balance split in half over the next two years.

We are requesting a waiver and emergency to fulfill the requirements of the 14 day negotiation period allotted.

**Item #2 – Resolution – Necessity and intent**

Resolution to declare the necessity and intent to appropriate real estate for future park development; property located at 620 McCutcheon Road and owned by Good Samaritan Reformed Church.

**COUNCIL UPDATES:**

Nothing at this time