



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### Development & Parks

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Nancy R. McGregor, Chair*  
*Brian Metzbower, Michael Schnetzer*

*Kim Banning, CMC, Clerk of Council*

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Monday, February 8, 2016

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#### Immediately Following Committee of the Whole

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Jen Teal; Anthony Jones; Troy Euton.

**Present** 3 - Brian Metzbower, Michael Schnetzer, and Nancy R. McGregor

#### ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

##### 1. Lifetime Fitness Contract

[ORD-0016-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LIFE TIME FITNESS, INC., FOR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF GAHANNA SWIM POOL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2016.

Euton said the first item is the Lifetime Fitness Contract; out of Easton; they will give a lump sum payment of \$30K per year to give their members the benefits of a Gahanna Swim Club membership; the memberships vary year to year; the small price the members pay have been compensated by the corporate; the RCA is asking for waiver and emergency but we do not need that at this time; difference would be that we cannot accept payments from Lifetime Fitness members until the legislation is effective; Schnetzer asked for thoughts on waiver and emergency; Euton said in the past this contract has not been received before May so emergency and waiver was common; do not believe this will be a big deal to wait with this one; McGregor said she is not a fan of waiver and emergency; asked about the publicity section in the contract; Euton said believe it is referring to the City advertising for Lifetime; we will not publicize to their members and we will not publicize to ours; the intent is that we will not start sending things to the homes of their members to get them to come to the City and spend money; Teal said they likely would not want content going out with their name on it without going through their corporation; Metzbower asked if we have approached them about doing more than

a one year contract; Euton said he does not know if his staff has, but he has not; discussing more facilities beyond the pool; can say that most every year there is a consistent manager and there is a learning curve; McGregor confirmed this is only Gahanna Swimming Club not Hunters Ridge; their new campaign is getting their members outside and more active.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

## 2. Clean Ohio Trail Fund (COTF) Grant

[RES-0002-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUND (COTF) GRANT FOR THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL, SECTION 4.

Euton said this is to apply for a grant; if we are awarded we would like to accept the funds; we are proposing to write that grant for the Big Walnut Trail, Section 4; will tie into Section 3; do not have a firm number on that but will be in the \$1 million dollar range; Schnetzer asked if it will require a bridge; Euton said yes, there will be three bridges; also requires an easement agreement with Stoneybrook Church from the old FOP property and along Cherry Bottom Road; met with their new pastor, Bob Thomas, and their new chairman last Thursday; they were very excited and they have a Board meeting on Thursday and he will be present to give an explanation; they have a master plan for their property; they have a new pastor that wants to make changes; do not have the current funding; the trail will have minimal impact on their property and will have flexibility to move in the future if desired; this legislation is to apply for the grant; McGregor asked if the area near the old FOP property (409 E. Johnstown Road), the driveway, if it will need to be widened; Euton said the guardrail that wraps the corner will be removed; old wagon trail there currently that has a graded terrace; will require minimal excavation; McGregor confirmed it will come in north of the wetland area; Schnetzer asked the timeframe; Euton said should be completed by December 2017; grant recipients will not be known until fall; will not go far into the construction drawings without that funding secured.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

## 3. Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant

[RES-0003-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT FOR A LOOP TRAIL AT MCCUTCHEON ROAD PARK OR TO ADD TO THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL, SECTION 4.

Euton said this is the same project as discussed above; is federal

highway funding; can fund up to \$150K; between the two we can get to \$1 million dollars; requesting permission to apply for this grant; Metzbower asked if this was a match grant; Euton said it was a reimbursement type grant; we would have to lay the money out front and then request reimbursement; Schnetzer confirmed they were in the same fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

#### 4. Natureworks Grant

[RES-0004-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE NATUREWORKS GRANT FOR A RESTROOM STRUCTURE AND PLAYGROUND AT MCCUTCHEON ROAD PARK.

Euton said this is to apply for a grant for the McCutcheon Road park; we purchased the 7.4 acres last fall; Natureworks will fund about anything recreational; we are proposing to allocate this grant toward restroom building or a playground depending on the funding they have available; that information will not come out until June from his understanding; this is a funding source to the park we want to build; Metzbower asked if we have a good relationship with Natureworks; Euton said we do as a City but have not used them for some time; last project was in 1998 or 1999 to his knowledge; used Natureworks in his last position a lot; we have not used them a lot previously because they have not had a lot of funding; in this case, a little funding can go a long way; McGregor asked if the park will need to have a parking lot or if they will be able to use the existing church parking lot; Euton said it is planned to use the church parking lot at this time but that is not on paper at this time; they are all about developing a relationship and are happy to share the parking lot.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

#### 5. Grant Writer

[ORD-0017-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH KRIS POHLMAN FOR GRANT WRITER SERVICES FOR THE CLEAN OHIO TRAIL FUND GRANT, RECREATIONAL TRAIL FUND PROGRAM GRANT, AND THE NATUREWORKS GRANT FOR TRAIL AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Euton said asking for permission to enter into contract with Kris Pohlman to write the above discussed grants; requesting emergency and waiver for these; did not originally plan to apply for these grants but saw the value and now have to apply for these within a certain

timeline.

**RECOMMENDATION: Waiver of Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency,  
Consent Agenda.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:34 p.m.

**Kayla Holbrook, Reporting.**