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**To:** Gahanna City Council

**From:** Stephania Ferrell, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

**Cc:** Raymond J. Mularski, City Attorney  
Joann Bury, Director of Finance

**Date:** January 19, 2022

**Re:** Department of Parks & Recreation Report to Council (January 24, 2022 COW Meeting)

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#### ACTION ITEMS

NONE.

#### UPDATES

See January 20, 2022 Mayor's Report.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN REFRESH

In 2006, City Council adopted the Department of Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. The Plan has served as a guide in making decisions regarding policies, programs, operations, maintenance and capital improvements. The creation of the Parks and Recreation Foundation, pricing policy, cost recovery model and strategies, athletic user affiliate agreement and the multi-use trail plan are examples of initiatives that were derived from the 2006 Master Plan and that have benefited the community as well as the Department's operations.

In 2015, the Plan was updated with regard to operations. However, capital improvements were not included as part of the project scope due to budget constraints. The 2015 update was not formally adopted at that time.

The Master Plan includes a needs assessment, trends analysis, community input opportunities, benchmark analysis, parks and facilities inventory, program analysis, review of maintenance operations, capital improvement plan and funding and revenue strategies over a nine month time frame. A draft of the plan will be presented to city council prior to finalizing the document and proceeding further.