



TO: Gahanna City Council
Clerk of Council

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DATE: July 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Dept. of Parks & Recreation Report to Council (July 31, 2023 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM # 1 – ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

In 2006, City Council adopted the Department of Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. The Plan has served as a guide for decisions regarding policies, programs, operations, maintenance and capital improvements. The Parks and Recreation Foundation, pricing policy, cost recovery model and strategies, athletic user affiliate agreement, and the multi-use trail plan are just a few initiatives that were created as a result of the 2006 Master Plan for the benefit of the Department of Parks & Recreation. The Plan was updated in 2015 with a focus solely on operations.

In 2022, City Council approved funds to complete a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. With the guidance of Pros Consultants, the Master Plan was created to provide strategies and recommendations for progress within the Parks and Recreation Department for the next 10 years. An extensive community survey was conducted, which led to more than 1,000 residents providing feedback that informed the draft plan.

In March 2023, the Administration hosted a Town Hall meeting to present an overview of the survey results and the draft plan to the public and to provide an opportunity for further public input. The Parks and Recreation Board voted unanimously on April 12, 2023 to recommend approval of the 2023 Comprehensive Parks Master Plan and Executive Summary. Based on the Board's recommendation, the Plan was introduced to Council at the May 8, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting.

As the proposed plan closely aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the Administration is respectfully requesting an Ordinance adopting the 2023 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan that coincides with the adoption of the CIP.



Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: N/A

Emergency/Waiver: N/A

Name & Address: N/A

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): N/A

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles): N/A

Attachments:

PR-ATT PR Board Recommendation for Adoption

PR-ATT 2023 PR Master Plan Executive Summary

PR-ATT 2023 PR Comprehensive Master Plan