

TO: Gahanna City Council

Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor

FROM: Jeff Barr, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

DATE: April 20, 2017

RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, April 24, 2017

ACTION ITEMS:

None

COUNCIL UPDATES

VFW Property Update Our Go Forward Gahanna Strategic Plan Identifies Strategic Result 3.2 Southwest Floodplain Park Plan. The goal of this result states by 2018, Gahanna residents will have an approved plan in place for the Southwest Floodplain that addresses sports fields, a community pool and connected trails and paths. Strategic Result 3.2 includes ongoing maintenance cost for the park. One of the key elements to accomplishing this result is the purchase of the VFW property. The property is scheduled to be surveyed, City Attorney is working on the Purchase Agreement, and we are anticipating a summer closing on the property. Once the final draft of the Purchase Agreement is completed it will be brought forward to Council for appropriate approval.

McCutcheon Road Property Update

OHM Advisors were selected for professional services on this project. Currently they are working engineering aspects of the project. For example; utility infrastructure (water, electric, sanitation, etc...) storm water, and site grading needs. Once site plans become further developed they will be shared with Council for review and feedback.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Arbor Day Celebration

The community is invited to celebrate Arbor Day, a day set aside to celebrate the roles of trees in our lives and promote tree planting and care. A proclamation and tree planting is planned.

Day: Thu Date: Apr 27

Location: Chapelfield Elementary School, 280 Chapelfield Rd. **Time:** Preschool Program 9-10am & 1-2pm; school-age 10-11am

The staff of the Ohio Herb Education Center cordially invites the City of Gahanna City Council members to celebrate all things with us in May!



