

DIRECTORS REPORT



Gahanna

PARKS & RECREATION

MAY 2026





Administrative Updates



Administration

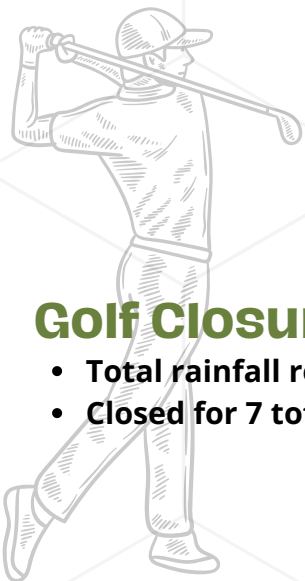
- Quarterly Events Touchbase w/ PD, Streets, Parks, Mifflin
- CBJF Planning with Visit Gahanna, Recreation and internal departments, all logistics (7 meetings)
- Vendor planning with CVB
- Contractor planning with Local Waste, Porta Kleen, and Midway fence
- 2026 Small Event/Program Planning
 - Adopt-a -Park
 - Paddle Gahanna
 - Memorial Day
- Orientation for new seasonal staff

Professional Development

- Tree City USA Awards
- ODA Commercial Pesticide Exam
- Shunnye successfully added Industrial Category to ODA license

Hires and Retires

- Retirement (Ellen May 28)
- Promoted Aurelio Dismuke to Parks Maintenance Worker (MW)3 Coordinator from MWI
- Promoted Andrew Hunt to MWI from Part-time coordinator
- Promoted Kyle Loftus to MWI from Part-time team member



Golf Closures

- **Total rainfall received = 9 ¾"**
- **Closed for 7 total days in May**

Weather Impacts

- 2 Flooding events
 - 5/21-5/23 (Closures included Creekside, Golf, Pizzurro, BWT section 2 & 3, Woodside trails)
 - 5/26-5/28 (Closures included Creekside, Golf, Pizzurro, Woodside trails)



Asphalt management Plan Development

- 80% complete manually reviewing and segmenting all multi-use trails in Gahanna's system by material so that condition ratings can be assigned to each segment

MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.
- Met w/ MORPC to discuss additional questions around data migration

CIP Preperation

- 2027 Budget Preparation Underway
 - Completed sidewalks w/ various team members and are developing cost estimates based on feedback

Price Road House - Exploration Center

- Construction began 9/16
- SWPPP inspections are ongoing.
- Drywall 1st punch complete
- Interior painting complete
- Interior lights installed
- Exterior light poles installed
- Exterior light installs in progress
- Camera light install in progress
- HVAC units install complete
- Fire alarm system install in progress
- Exterior door installations in progress
- Floor installation complete
- West parking lot is fully paved
- Striping in west lot complete
- East parking paving complete
- Dumpster pad install complete
- Deck building underway
- Millwork completed
- Sidewalk and east stair pours in progress
- Structural repairs (helical piers and footers) complete
- Change orders:
 - Change in Sanitary lateral because of install methods - Complete
- Mold Abatement - Complete
- Electrical panel conflicts - Complete
- Plumbing and electrical conflicts - Complete
- Helical Piles - Accepted
- Door heights Upper & Lower - Accepted
- Electrical conflicts with sidewalk - Completed
- Infill Door 200B - Completed
- Window Returns - Accepted
- Lintel Repairs - Accepted
- Structural Walls - Accepted
- Floor Leveling - Accepted
- Framing RFI's - Accepted
- Permit Status - all currently approved.
 - Building - New plan Approved.
 - Engineering - Approved.
 - Floodplain use civil - New plan Approved.
 - Floodplain use building - Approved.
 - Development Plan - Approved
 - ROW Permit - Approved.
 - Franklin County Plumbing - Approved.



Link to Literacy Trail

- Substantial redesign of trails at approximately 30% been completed. The project has been divided into two phases, Phase I from Walnut to the Library, and Phase II, Library to Hamilton. OHM has completed a very high level environmental assessment of the streambank along Phase II, which has triggered a significant set back and realignment of that section of trail.
- Private Property Permissions:
 - Library's board has accepted revision of trail.
 - Three Creeks -Initial conversation with land owner commenced
 - Gatsby's - meeting to discuss revised alignment was held; we have received feedback that will involve owner of the Tuffy's parcel behind them
 - School - meeting to discuss revised alignment was held and will go to the board for approval
- Approached ODNR with potential alignment just extending to Shull Park; while ODNR would like to see feasibility of entire alignment determined but will hold funding until that milestone is complete.

Trail Signage

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant awarded for \$136,500 for signs along Big Walnut
- 45 hour Local Public Agency (LPA) training completed
- Trail Sign RFP was drafted and is in review now

Academy Park Improvements

- OEPA Scrap Tire Grant received for \$113,000 for playground surfacing
- Grant was submitted for MTB Accessibility effort
- Received comments back from 100% design review and have responded to those
- Construction Administration/Construction Inspection RFP responses have been received and are undergoing review
- Permit Status:
 - Development Plan resubmitted again
 - Stormwater Variance approved by Planning and Council
 - Request for Variances approved by Planning Commission
 - Major Development Plan approved by Planning Commission
 - Variances from Planning commission agenda approved
 - Floodplain Use Permit submitted - Comment letter was received 4/2

Southwest Floodplain

- RFP Released for Gahanna Swimming Pool Technical Feasibility and Veteran's Memorial Park Stakeholder Engagement.
- Responses received on 5/26 and under review



Parks Updates

Parks/Facilities

Projects

Ashburnham Park Playground

- Developing playground concept with vendor, Midstates

Big Walnut Trail Bridge Repair

- Work completed 5/15/26

Creekside Retaining Wall

- Received proposals
- Moving forward with developing a plan for temporary repair

Eastchester Drive trail

- Discussions with City Departments
- Obtained quotes for repair, will only do sidewalk panels

Friendship Park Playground

- Detailed Design review
- Concept color design review
- Cost and quote review
- Final design review
- Agreement review

Golf Course

- Approved quotes on fencing repair and installation. Broken fence will be repaired prior to July 3, additional fence work to be completed after July 3
- Submitted fence permit application and Floodplain permit
- Bright Blocks
 - Planning for 2026 program
 - Adding new bright blocks to golf course/BWT section 5

Holiday lights

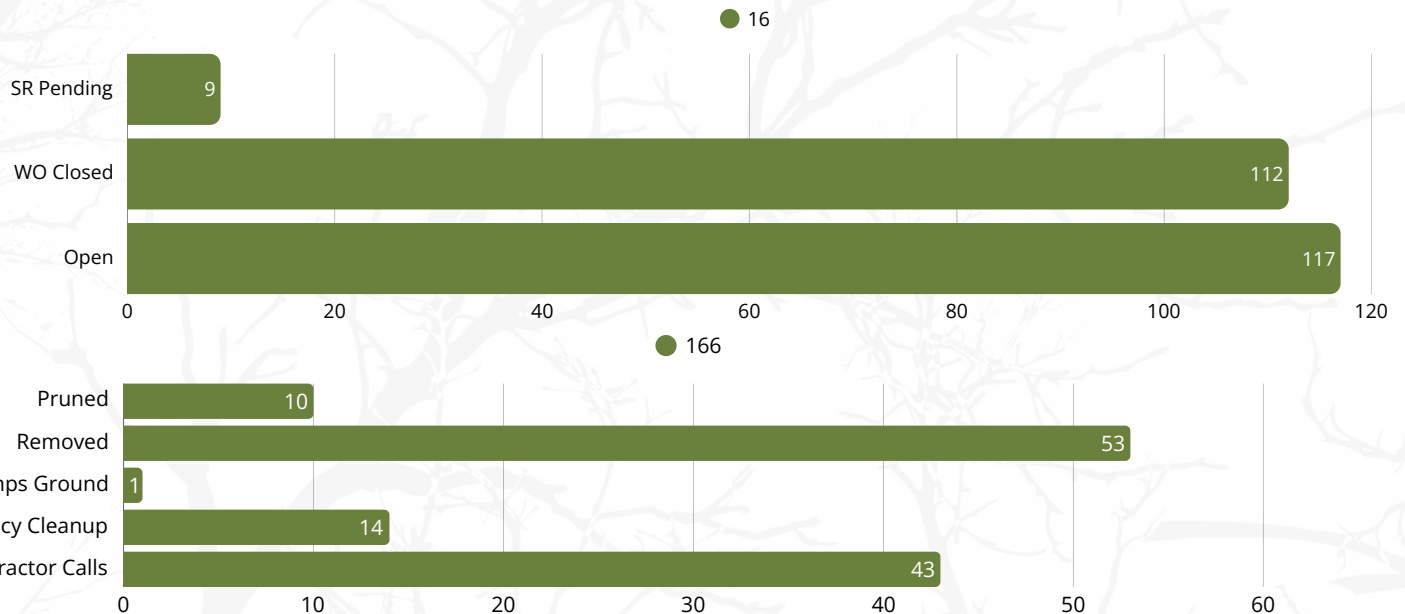
- Met with light show designer, obtaining quote for 2026 display

MTB Trail

- Signs installed

Parks garage renovation

- Awaiting lockers from PD





Parks Updates

Parks/Facilities

Spring Clean

- Pool Maintenance
 - Slide power washed
 - Deck drains installed
 - Funbrella shades and HRP playground shade installed
 - GSP concessions swamp cooler installation
 - Pool backwash
 - Filter Cleaning
 - Water balancing

- Repaired door at the Pro Shop and Creekside bathroom
- Prepped and delivered paddleboats to the Mill Race
- Repaired kayak launch dock at Creekside
- Made surface repairs at Sunpoint
- Split rail repairs at various locations
- Continued using robot painters to line up athletic fields

Contracted Work

- Basketball anchor re-pour at Hannah
- Eternal flame at VFW
 - Holes patched
 - Wind guard added
- Sunpoint door replacements
 - Manufacturing error; currently waiting on new doors and schedule
- Ward 4 street tree removal and stump grinding contract signed – trees removed, stumps need to be ground
- Removal of pine at GSP – Russell Tree

- Spring Street Tree Planting contract completed by DLL in April (150 trees planted) – 17 trees did not pass inspection and are being replanted
- Goats on the Go – Wally Field and Golf Course
- 2026 park landscaping work completed but only partially approved for invoicing – DLL
- 2026 park weeding work ongoing - DLL
- 2026 ROW landscaping work completed – BrightView
- Irrigation repairs to 62 raised bed – Rain One
- 62 raised bed landscape installation - BrightView

Team Work

- Clean-up after flooding
- BioBlitz and Explore Our Ecosystems planning
- Weed management

Programs

- Sips & Tips Fore! Ladies-13 enrolled
- Sips & Tips Co-Ed-2 enrolled
- Creekside Cottage School field trip at Creekside



Recreation Updates

Aquatics & Safety

Memberships YTD	2025	2026
Total	319	2,168
Gahanna Residents	81%	79%
Non - Residents	18%	19%
Corporate Residents	1%	2%

2025 Revenue: \$34,170.75

2026 Revenue TD: \$119,497.25



- Seasonal Applications: 219
- Still looking: Lifeguard & Swim Instructor
- YTD Staff Retention: 66%

Adult Programs

- Slow Flow Yoga- 6 participants
- Chair Yoga-Cancelled this session due to low enrollment
- Adult Pickleball Lessons Beg-Full
- Adult Pickleball Lessons Mon Intermediate-FULL
- Adult Pickleball Lessons Fri Intermediate-FULL
- Pickleball Drill & Play-FULL
- Pickleball Ladder League Weds-FULL
- Pickleball Ladder League Fri-FULL
- 5/10;5/24 Bike the Big Walnut- 0 enrolled
- 5/19 Goat Yoga- 14 enrolled
- Gahanna Walking Team- 0 enrolled
- Gahanna Run Club- 1 enrolled

- Opening Days
 - Splashpad opened for the summer on May 1.
 - Hunters Ridge Pool opened for the season on May 23.
 - Gahanna Swimming Pool opened for the season on May 24.
- School Visits
 - Hosted Westerville Middle School for the end-of-year pool trip on May 19.
 - Gahanna Middle School South and West trips on May 22 was canceled due to the weather
- Swim Team Practice
 - Swim Team rentals began on May 26 at the Gahanna Swimming Pool.
- Swim Lesson registration will open on May 18 for June 1 – July 10 classes.
- Swim Team Registration - 4
- Dive Team Registration - 5
- Artistic Swimming Registration - 0

Senior Programming


- 5/5 Morning Bingo- 30 attendees/Cinco De Mayo Party-60 attendees
 - Chips, Salsa, and non-alcoholic Margaritas
- 5/11 May Birthday Bash-10 registrants
- 5/12 Meet with the Mayor-22 registrants
- 5/13 Lunch Wednesday/Ice Cream Social-GASAC-voting-60 registrants
- 5/13 Beanbag Baseball-18 registrants
- 5/14 Senior Golf League Kickoff- Sold out 100+ enrolled
- 5/20 Morning Bingo-25 registrants
- 5/21 Columbus Clippers Game- Sold Out first day of registration
- 5/27 Lunch Wednesday- 60 registrants
- 5/27 Beanbag Baseball-18 registrants
- 5/28 Afternoon Bingo-29 registrants
- 5/28 Online Registration Class/Training



Recreation Updates

Special Events & Paddle Program

- 5/2- Herb Day. Staff were on site to assist with the event.
- 5/8- Bird Watching Float on Hoover Reservoir - 5 registered
- 5/12-5/13-CPRO class to seasonal Staff
- 5/19- Volunteer Orientation/Training- 8 registered
- 5/20-Volunteer Orientation/Training. 3 participants
- 5/21- Kayak 101
- 5/25- Veteran's Memorial Day Ceremony - Staff were on site to assist with event
- 5/29-Creekside Live: Hoodoo Soul Band
- Bioblitz Virtual Trainings



5/23- Paddle Gahanna closed opening weekend due to weather and flooding. High amounts of rain.



Youth & Family

- 5/15 Kinderdance and Kindertots Classes - cancelled due to low attendance
- Camp Trainings
 - Leadership training May 11th-15th
 - All Staff Training May 18th-22nd
- 5/19 Camp Open House - estimated 75 families attended
- 5/26-5/29- Camp Hannah Adventure Awaits- 89 registered

