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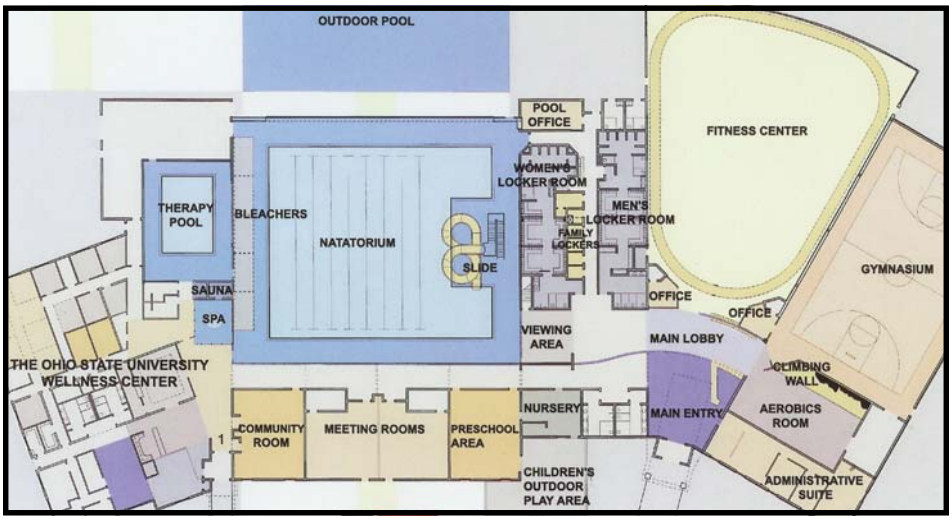
Council Discusses YMCA



At their February meeting, Galena Village Council members heard from YMCA official, Tony Dellisio, about a possible facility in the Big Walnut area. Dellisio said that 32 Big Walnut area residents were interviewed about support for a local facility. Of those, 12 were school officials, seven were potential leaders, and 13 were community members.

Nearly half of those interviewed felt that Sunbury was the best location for a proposed YMCA followed by a location between Sunbury and Galena. More than half of those interviewed felt the project was a high priority. Nearly 70 percent thought the community would support the YMCA with a property tax but more than half thought the community would not support an income tax.

The YMCA of Central Ohio plans to move forward by creating a task force to develop a funding plan. They also hope to create a Recreational District with Galena, Sunbury and the surrounding six townships that comprise the Big Walnut School District. The district would cooperate to bring parks and recreation to the area and facilitate building the YMCA by placing a construction property tax levy on the ballot. Dellisio said that those townships and villages that support a levy would receive YMCA membership discounts.

Membership fees at similar YMCA's are $744 per year for a family or $492 for an individual adult or $216 per child. The amount of taxes paid are deducted from the fee.

The YMCA staff would also explore government support for a land donation and improvements. They would explore a hospital collaboration to build rehabilitation office space in the part of the building. They would also attempt to raise $500,000 through local fund-raising.

The YMCA would be responsible for start-up and ongoing operational costs such as equipment, furniture, staff, and management.

The facility planned is exactly the same as the YMCA facilities in Gahanna and Powell.

Clerk Resigns

In other Village business, Council accepted Acting Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Paese's resignation with regrets. Assistant Acting Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Dearth reported that the 2003 and 2004 year audits were completed.

New Sewer Plant

Work is progressing on an Ohio Water Development Authority loan application to fund expansion of the Village's wastewater treatment plant. The Village has made several public information requests to Delaware County and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for copies of Delaware County's Master Plan. The Village's Solicitor also directed correspondence to OEPA regarding errors and omissions in the Statewide Water Quality Management Plan which did not reference Galena's permit to add a half million gallon per day sewage treatment plant.

Galena Dates

The following are Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated.

March 8	Zoning & Planning
March 21	Parks & Sp. Event
March 27	Council Meeting
April 12	Zoning & Planning
April 15	Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm
April 18	Parks & Sp. Event
April 24	Council Meeting

Galena Trails

Lawhon Associates is conducting an environmental analysis of an old Galena Brick Yard narrow gauge rail bed and bridge on property owned by Bob Kane. The Village, in association with the Ohio to Erie Trail Fund and Delaware County Friends of the Trail, hopes to acquire the property to extend a trail to the Walnut Creek subdivision across Big Walnut Creek. A grant application was submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Police Contract

Village Solicitor Ken Molnar is negotiating with the Village of Sunbury on extending the police services contract. He has set a deadline of March 31 to determine if an agreement can be reached.

Parks and Special Events Committee

Galena Parks and Special Events Committee sent letters to all Village residents asking for new members to join the committee. The committee is looking for chairpersons for each of the committee's special events including the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Services, an Ice Cream Social, the Halloween Costume Party, the Christmas Tree Lighting, and Santa's Visit. They also monitor and improve the Village's parks.

Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. Anyone interested in joining is invited to contact Karin Underwood at 965-9460.

Galena Garage Sale

The Galena Community Garage Sale will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 20. Participants contribute $6 toward an ad in five area newspapers. Each participant will have their location noted on maps distributed the day before the sale. Signs are posted and you will receive balloons to mark your sale location. You may also post your own signs. Anyone interested can contact Karin Underwood at 965-9460 by April 30.

BWHS Memorial

Local Eagle Scout candidate Alfred Yates approached Council about donations for a memorial garden at Big Walnut High School for deceased students. While this is not a normal expenditure of tax dollars, we invite anyone interested in personally donating to Yates' efforts to please send donations to BSA Troop 347, Carol Garrabrant, 11721 Center Village Road, Westerville, OH 43082. Please note BWHS Memorial Garden on the check.

Galena UMC

The Galena United Methodist Church will host a variety of Lenten activities.

Sunday nights, 7:30 p.m., March 5 - April 2 - "From my Point of View", a dialogue on the Passion.

Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m., April 9, Service of the Palms and Passion of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., April 13, The Passover Celebration (Seder Meal).

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