

A RESOLUTION

BY \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE OAKWOOD ATHLETIC AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood adopted its first City-wide Comprehensive Plan on June 26, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood adopted its second and current City Comprehensive Plan on June 14, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 City Comprehensive Plan addresses issues involving land use planning, transportation planning and public facilities planning; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Comprehensive Plan includes several sections relating to athletic and recreation space needs and planning, and includes extensive citizen feedback confirming the need for the city to consider athletic and recreation facility capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Comprehensive Plan includes the following specific objective: “Study the desirability, feasibility and cost implications of constructing new indoor and/or outdoor recreational facilities within and around Oakwood; proceed with projects as supported by the community and if funding is available.”; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the city purchased from NCR Corporation 28 acres of athletic fields and parking facilities at Old River; fields that had been leased by the city over the previous seven years; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this land provided the city an opportunity to explore options to enhance recreation programs and athletic facilities available to residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the size of the Old River acquisition was large enough to justify a focused and comprehensive planning effort for potential future development; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2009, the city received 21 consultant proposals for development of a Master Plan that would focus on the following four sites: 1) Old River; 2) Oakwood Community Center; 3) Irving Field; and, 4) Creager Field; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2009 the city selected Michael Schuster Associates (MSA) to serve as lead consultant based upon the firm’s extensive background and expertise in the areas that were to be the focal point of Oakwood’s first Athletic and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2009, Oakwood City Council appointed a 25-member citizen committee to assist council, staff and the master planning consultant in developing the Athletic and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, said citizen committee included two representatives from each of the city’s eleven voting precincts plus one representative each from the City Planning Commission, the Budget Review Committee and the Comprehensive Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the citizen committee, the project steering committee also included the five members of City Council, Oakwood School Board Member Sam Davis, Oakwood High School Athletic Director Mark Hughes and several Oakwood staff members; and

WHEREAS, the specifically stated purpose of the Master Plan is to provide a guide for athletic and recreation facility operations, maintenance, and capital improvements over the next 5-10 years. The master plan will include a vision for the future, taking into consideration the existing facilities, as well as unmet athletic and recreation needs as identified by our citizens and city leaders; and

WHEREAS, the steering committee met on eight occasions between July, 2009 and April, 2010 to help guide the Master Plan development process through idea sharing and personal preference input, and was asked to encourage the participation of other residents within their voting precincts and throughout the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the quality and appropriateness of the Master Plan relied heavily on citizen participation in the planning process and to that end the following public outreach efforts were conducted as the plan was developed:

- Four community-wide public input meetings.
- 12-page mailer survey sent to every property in Oakwood.
- One-on-one interviews with 22 selected Oakwood citizens.
- Telephone survey including 400 Oakwood residents selected randomly; and

WHEREAS, to assist the community in understanding the scope of the Master Plan project, the City sent an informational brochure to every residential and business property in Oakwood; and

WHEREAS, in developing the Master Plan, it is important for citizens to recognize that it serves as a general planning guide only and will not, by itself, automatically lead to any specific construction projects or any direct expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan is intended to be a flexible document easily modified and amended as community desires and needs change; and

WHEREAS, to further explain the purpose of the Master Plan and what it is...and what it is not, city staff prepared a bullet-point document marked as Exhibit A and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, specific projects and expenditures will occur only after extensive additional community dialogue and legislative action by Council in appropriating public funds; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2010, concluding more than a 10 month process, Oakwood City Council received a formal presentation on the Master Plan at which time Council discussed the plan and received additional citizen input; and

WHEREAS, City Council now wishes to adopt the Athletic and Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, THAT

SECTION I.

The 2010 Athletic and Recreation Master Plan is hereby approved and shall serve as the official guide for athletic and recreation facility capital improvements in the city of Oakwood.

SECTION II.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2010.

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Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

Publication of this resolution is not required.

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City Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

### OAKWOOD ATHLETIC/RECREATION MASTER PLAN WHAT IT IS... AND WHAT IT'S NOT

#### The Master Plan is...

- a document that provides a professional assessment of the current condition of the city's four primary athletic/recreation facilities (OCC, Old River, Irving Field and Creager Field.)
- a document that includes a broad-based citizen perspective of existing conditions and future needs.
- a document that provides a snapshot of citizen wants and needs as determined through a series of public outreach efforts.
- a document that begins to address recreation and open space wants in a pro-active way.
- a document that provides written design guidelines for potential future development.
- a document that identifies potential recreation and athletic field opportunities now available to the community with the 2006 acquisition of the Old River Field property.
- a document that provides an assessment of the market for public athletic and recreation facilities.
- a document to be used by City Council and the community to identify priorities for athletic and recreation facilities and services.
- a document that depicts several possible capital improvement concepts for the subject sites taking into account citizen preferences.
- a document that can be used to avoid duplication of services while identifying gaps in existing programs and facilities.
- a working document that can be modified or edited at any time in the future.

#### The Master Plan is not...

- a document that commits the city of Oakwood to take any specific action or to spend any public funds.
- a design document that explains and/or depicts something that the city is planning to build.
- a blueprint that commits the community or elected officials to any specific plan either now or in the future.
- a static document that can not be changed or otherwise modified as community needs change.
- the final step in garnering citizen input and involvement in helping establish future recreation and athletic space priorities.
- a document that assumes the city has the financial resources available to undertake any potential capital improvements.