



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation Affairs Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2021

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Jeanne Barsanti (via conference call), Jason Hewell, Melissa Hopkinson, Leslie Hunsinger, Dan Moore, Giles Moree, Wesley Scott, Kimberly Thomas

Members Absent: None

Staff: Lisa Davol, Whitney Sperlik, Melissa Braswell (Finance Assistant Director)

Guests: None

BOC: Chairman Daniell

Press: None

Minutes:

1. Call to Order. The Recreation Committee convened the regular meeting at Oconee Veterans Park. Richard Ashmore called the meeting to order.
2. Approve the Agenda. Jason Hewell made a motion to approve the agenda. Dan Moore seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve November 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Wesley Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Giles Moree seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Melissa Braswell – Finance Assistant Director. Braswell provided an overview of the Oconee County budget process and impending FY22 planning schedule. Primary budget proposals include maintenance and operations, personnel and capital acquisitions. Braswell also provided a summary of the purchasing process to include required Finance approval for items over a certain amount. As Braswell explained the process is standardized in order to provide competitive pricing and quality vendors. Jeanne Barsanti asked if the budget funds carry over or end at the fiscal year. Braswell stated only funds for a project that crosses over fiscal years may rollover, but must be re-budgeted in the new fiscal year. Wesley Scott inquired about the OVP debt service and Braswell said park general obligation bonds were issued in 2003 for \$11.7M to finance OVP and have been refinanced twice with a rate of 1.395. Current park bond balance is \$8.2M to be paid off in 2033. The benefit of using bonds according to Braswell was the cost is spread out of 30 years rather than a one-time cost. Braswell added that the payout was moved to SPLOST rather than property taxes.
5. Program and Park Updates. Whitney Sperlik provided program updates to include the current basketball season, spring registration starting Monday, January 25, after school (need 5 additional counselors), upcoming All Day Camp, Touch a Truck and Pitch, Hit and Run event.



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Lisa Davol provide park updates. Davol shared that the OVP water infiltration project was complete! Other park updates included the completion of the biannual maintenance service on OVP fitness equipment, OVP gym scoreboard transmitter repair, Laserturf field work on OVP fields 1-4, HCM Disc Golf basket replacements and all new course signage installation, demolition of HCM score stands and F4 picnic table/shelter, Brannen Building restroom lights repair; exhaust fan motor replacement, HCM Gym Floor rescreening and recoating project, Brannon Building exterior exit lights with photocells installation and Heritage Park restrooms and maintenance building siding replacement. In addition, BSC maintenance shop replacement project in progress and Heritage Park Invasive Plant Removal volunteer workdays held: 11/24, 12/8, 12/22, 1/12 with another scheduled for 1/26. Davol also informed the committee that OCPRD won the Maridee Williams' Best Overall Float in the Watkinsville Christmas Parade.

6. Other Business.

- Whitney Sperlik provided an update on the citizen driven Oconee Park Foundation. The group is seeking additional members and participation. Jeanne Barsanti suggested inviting the Oconee County Library group to speak with foundation members and Melissa Hopkinson also suggested the Friends of Oconee Animal Services. Richard Ashmore said we need other persons to step up to get the foundation off the ground.
- Kimberly Thomas asked about the possibility of using Zoom to allow other citizens to join.
- Lisa Davol requested agenda items for future meetings.

7. Public Comment. John Daniell thanked the committee for their involvement.

8. Motion to adjourn made by Leslie Hunsinger. Motion seconded by Kimberly Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

Next RAC Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, March 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park - Community Cen

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