



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation Affairs Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2021

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Jeanne Barsanti, Jason Hewell, Melissa Hopkinson, Leslie Hunsinger, Dan Moore, Wesley Scott, Giles Moree

Members Absent: Kimberly Thomas

Staff: Whitney Sperlik

Guests: None

BOC: None

Press: None

Minutes:

1. Call to Order. The Recreation Committee convened the regular meeting at Heritage Park. Richard Ashmore called the meeting to order.
2. Approve the Agenda. Jeanne Barsanti made a motion to approve the agenda. Giles Moore seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Wesley Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Jason Hewell seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Oconee Mountain Bike coaches, Lori Traill and Walker Hedrick spoke to the committee about the history of the group. The group was previously affiliated with the Athens club for 6 -7 years before becoming an Oconee group. This year they filed for their 501c3 and expect the application to be approved in early 2022. Lori reviewed the timeline for the season and that Oconee MTB currently has two teams, MS and HS levels with 27-30 members with 25 of those who participate in races. Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours which include warm ups, education on trails, bikes, skills/techniques, ride and cool down period. Walker said they currently participate in 5 races with one of those being held in Oconee in October at HP. This year they worked to solicit sponsors who were able to help offset some of the fees the members would typically have to pay.



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5. Program and Park updates. Whitney Sperlik provided program updates to include final fall registration numbers (2146 players registered plus over 800 user group participants – 20% increase since 2019.) Winter registration will begin on Monday, October 11 for in county residents and out of county residents will begin Monday, October 18. Currently hiring for several part time positions (Park Assistants, Program Assistant, and Park Services Assistant). Sperlik provided updates on several ongoing projects within the park system.
 6. Other Business.
 - Whitney Sperlik provided an updated on the citizen driven Oconee Parks Foundation.
 - Whitney Sperlik requested agenda items for future meetings. Members asked to meet at Bogart Sports Complex in November to see the new shop, completed projects at the quad.
 - Last official meeting for Jeanne Barsanti, we thank Jeanne for her years of dedicated service and all that she has brought to the committee. New member Amanda McCoy to join the committee officially in November.
 7. Public Comment. None.
 8. Motion to adjourn made by Giles Moore. Seconded by Leslie Hunsinger. Motion approved unanimously.

Next RAC Meeting scheduled for November 16 at 5 pm at Bogart Sports Complex