



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Leslie Hunsinger, Amanda McCoy Ledford, Dan Moore, Giles Moree, Kimberly Thomas, Wesley Scott

Members Absent: Jason Hewell

Staff: Whitney Sperlik

Guests: Mike Luffler (Pickleball), Eric Gattiker (Oconee Parks Foundation)

BOC: None

Press: None

Minutes:

1. Call to Order. The Recreation Committee convened the regular meeting at Oconee Veterans Park. Leslie Hunsinger called the meeting to order.
2. Approve the Agenda. Richard Ashmore made a motion to approve the agenda. Giles Moree seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve May 17 Meeting Minutes. Giles Moree made a motion to approve the minutes and Richard Ashmore seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Oconee Parks Foundation (OPF). Eric Gattiker, President of the Oconee Parks Foundation provided information on the OPF organization. Gattiker stated OPF currently has 8 board members with one vacancy. In addition, Gattiker said the group is working towards a big kick off to introduce the foundation to the community. OPF board is working on establishing policies and procedures in place, as well as working with the county on an MOU prior to community introduction. The board joined the National Parks Foundation for additional resources to assist the foundation. Gattiker added that they are working on a website and he asked the group to like the Oconee Park Foundation Facebook page. Gattiker said he appreciates the opportunity to attend the meeting and looks forward to the OPF Board working closely with department staff and RAC members.
5. Program and Park updates. Sperlik provided program and park updates. Sperlik reported on current fall registration numbers to include the increase in Tackle Football from 265 to 351 and cheer increase of 175 from 104 last fall. Sperlik stated registration is now open to in and out of county residents for other fall programs. Sperlik noted that the Oconee Swim League participants attending both District and State Swim meets with the team finishing in the third in

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District and two Oconee swimmers setting state records. Sperlik asked Wesley Scott to speak to the final performances of our OCLL teams who participated at state. Wesley stated 3 of the 4 teams won State. Sperlik updated the group on current staff openings and discussed our upcoming fall event, Trick or Treat Trail. Sperlik provided park updates regarding maintenance and repair projects, such as HCM Junior Tennis and Pickleball Courts construction, camera security installation and other projects.

6. Other Business. None.
7. Public Comment. Mike Luffler (pickleball) wanted to thank the “powers that be” for the 2 courts under construction at HCM. Luffler asked if the county would put pickleball lines on the Junior Tennis Courts. Sperlik replied there would be 2 dedicated Junior Tennis courts and 2 Dedicated Pickleball courts. Luffler also questioned the buffer between the LAS county property and his neighborhood.
8. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Ashmore. Seconded by Wesley Scott. Motion approved unanimously.

Next RAC Meeting scheduled for September 20 at 5 pm at Oconee Veterans Park.