



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2024

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Joe Avolio, Leslie Hunsinger, Dan Moore, Wesley Scott, Robin Stevens

Members Absent: Jason Hewell, Ray Kopaniasz, Giles Moree,

Staff: Pat Sebring

Guest: Joe Peters, Laserturf

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 at 5:00 pm
2. Approve the agenda. Richard Ashmore made a motion to approve the agenda. Wesley Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve May 21 Meeting Minutes. Wesley Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Richard Ashmore seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Joe Peters, Laserturf owner, gave a short presentation on his company and the work they do with the parks & recreation department as well as other venues he works with (university and professional). Discussion on benefits and issues with synthetic turf vs natural grass. Committee members asked questions and participated in the discussion.
5. Park and program updates. Sebring provided information regarding summer sports camps which are going well, OCLL hosting the District Tournament at BSC in June, and that our staff participated in Summer Fest with the Chamber on June 20. Fall registration for county residents started July 16 and is going well, out-of-county residents may register beginning July 29. Tackle football and cheerleading have a record number of teams with 11 and 224 cheerleaders registered. We are currently looking for volunteer coaches, umpires, referees and part time park assistants. Fall programs will begin with soccer and flag football evaluations on August 9. Fall event Trick-Or-Treat Trail will be held October 23 from 4-6pm. We are currently looking for partners, both past and new. Information is on the website.



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6. Other Business.

- Dan Moore reported about the Parks Foundation and their continuing effort to raise money for the parks. He discussed collecting money for trees. Sebring reported 19 trees had recently been purchased and planted at OVP & HCM. Hunsinger mentioned that her daughter worked for a wholesale nursery and could be a resource for trees in the future.

7. Public comments.

- Jeanne Barsanti presented a concern with the horse and bike trails at HP. She also presented a map of the trails. She gave several suggestions for solutions such as meeting with the bike group to discuss trail layout and use, hiring a trail consultant and a maintenance plan (info attached).

8. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Ashmore. Seconded by Wesley Scott. Motion approved unanimously. 6:01 pm

Next RAC Meeting scheduled for September 17 at 5 pm at Oconee Veterans Park