



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2024

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Joe Avolio, Leslie Hunsinger, Giles Moree, Wesley Scott, Robin Stevens

Members Absent: Jason Hewell, Ray Kopaniasz, Dan Moore

Staff: Lisa Davol, Whitney Sperlik

Guest: Amanda McCoy, Heritage Park Arenas

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 January 16 Meeting Minutes. Wesley Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Giles Moree seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Athletic Turf Maintenance – Laserturf – Joe Peters. Due to illness, Peters was not able to attend to discuss turf maintenance on our county athletic fields. Davol spoke briefly about the county relationship with Laserturf and the services and expertise provided by the contractor. Davol said that Peters would be rescheduled to a future advisory committee meeting.
5. Park and program updates. Davol provided information to the committee on the FY25 budget submittal for Parks and Recreation, to include requests for capital and SPLOST projects. Ashmore reiterated a desire for a county comprehensive master plan for the park system. Davol gave a tentative timeline for Dawson Park. Moree asked what the plan was between now and 2027 and Davol stated we would continue to utilize school facilities as well as other park greenspace that was not necessarily athletic fields as needed. Scott asked if the preliminary budget meeting with administration was beneficial, to which Davol replied that the meetings are extremely beneficial in explaining requests and potential budgetary needs. Davol also provided an update on Heritage Park with engineering construction documents for the updated master plan underway, as well as a park boundary survey being conducted. Davol and Giles shared information on the Rotary Picnic Pavilion project at the OVP Senior Center.



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Sperlik provided an update on spring registration numbers per program with overall enrollment over 1500. In addition, Sperlik gave upcoming summer registration dates that include fall tackle football and cheer, as well as spring Special Events. Sperlik also shared park staffing openings. Finally, Sperlik informed the committee of funds donated toward the parks in memory of Cindy Hardigree.

6. Other Business.

- Request for RAC Meeting Agenda items.
- Ashmore stated that a GA State Patrol building will be built in Oconee County.
- Scott congratulated the NOHS Boys' Basketball team that won a state championship.
- Avolio stated he walked the HCM Disc Golf course with Tyler and will provide his suggestions on the course in writing.

7. Public comments. None.

8. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Ashmore. Seconded by Wesley Scott. Motion approved unanimously.

Next RAC Meeting scheduled for May 21 at 5 pm at Herman C. Michael Park