



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2023

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Jason Hewell, Amanda McCoy Ledford, Dan Moore, Craig Moses, Wesley Scott, Kimberly Thomas

Members Absent: Leslie Hunsinger, Giles Moree

Staff: Lisa Davol

Guest: Robin Stevens

BOC: None

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. Wesley Scott made a motion to approve the agenda. Craig Moses seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve July 18 Meeting Minutes. Wesley Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Craig Moses seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Tall Socks Tennis – Taylor Dodd. Davol introduced OCPRD new tennis program provider Taylor Dodd with Tall Socks Tennis. Dodd worked with Stacey Venker, Tennis for Life, for 3-4 years prior to becoming the new provider after Venker's retirement. Dodd stated that she has similar goals with Tall Socks Tennis programs and schedules. In addition, Dodd said she was interested in coordinating some tennis social events, like Triples. The mission of Tall Socks Tennis, according to Dodd, is better person, better athlete, better tennis player.
5. Park and program updates were shared with the committee to include fall programs, winter registration and special events such as First Responder 5K and Trick or Treat Trail.
6. Other business.
 - McCoy stated that she spoke with Chairman Daniell regarding the Land Use Study and future park development. Ashmore responded that a comprehensive master plan to determine future park land was needed.
 - Davol informed the committee that her and the Park Manager, Pat Sebring, toured the Wills Park equestrian facility which will be undergoing a \$10M renovation. Alpharetta is funding \$5M and the non-profit Wills Park Equestrian Foundation is funding \$5M for the facility improvements.



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- Davol said that during the OCS strategic planning it was shared that student population since 2010 went up 53% and since then 3 fields have been added to the Oconee park system, OVP multi-use fields.
 - Davol reminded the group that the next Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at the new Administrative Building.
 - Thomas said she appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee and assist the Oconee Parks Foundation. McCoy said she was honored to served and will continue to be involved supporting Heritage Park. Ashmore thanked both for their service.
 - Ashmore requested an update from the Oconee Parks Foundation at the next meeting.
7. Public comments. None.
8. Motion to adjourn made by Kimberly Thomas. Seconded by McCoy. Motion approved unanimously.

Next RAC Meeting scheduled for November 14 at 5 pm at Oconee Veterans Park