



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2022

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Leslie Hunsinger, Amanda McCoy Ledford, Dan Moore, Wesley Scott

Members Absent: Jason Hewell, Giles Moree, Kimberly Thomas

Staff: Whitney Sperlik

Guests: Robin Stevens, COTA

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. Wesley Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve May 17 Meeting Minutes. Richard Ashmore made a motion to approve the minutes and Wesley Scott seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Program and Park updates. Whitney Sperlik provided park updates to include HCM Junior Tennis and Pickleball courts project progress, Heritage Park horse bridge repair, soliciting bids for OVP gym/fitness HVAC replacement project, OVP HVAC lobby/community room repairs, seeking contractor bids for HCM outdoor basketball court lights, BSC security camera project in and HCM ADA playground swing replaced.

Sperlik provided program updates including record fall program totals at 2350 with an increase of 26% for youth football and cheerleading and 18% increase for youth flag football (offered our first girls league). Upcoming events include Annual Rotary Car show, Run for First Responders, Kel-Mac volunteers "Come Ride with us" and second year for Trick or Treat Trail on October 26 at OVP.

5. TSPLOST Information. Sperlik provided handouts for TSPLOST and discussed the upcoming vote on November 8, 2022. Sperlik stated the committee should be informed of TSPLOST vote and how this relates to Parks and Recreation with the inclusion of trail and multi-use paths. Committee members discussed the information provided and asked staff to provide any additional information available via email.



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6. Other Business. Dan Moore, RAC member and OPF member, provided update on the Foundation. Moore said OPF is planning to participate in the Trick or Treat Trail. Additionally, he said the website and social media were live. Moore also stated that OPF is working on MOU to present for review to the county.

Members requested to review master plan and discuss future plans and needs of park system. Additionally, would like to meet at Senior Center in the future to see the new addition that has opened.

7. Public Comment. Robin Stevens, COTA, spoke thanking the department/county and RAC committee for their support of the tennis community. Stevens stated COTA appreciates the balance of working with both tennis and the pickleball community. Stevens said COTA would continue to advocate for new courts and to not include blended lines but to keep courts separate. Additionally, Stevens informed the committee that COTA would not be able to bid on the State tournament they have hosted with OCPRD for years due to OCS fees of \$6,000 in order to use the school courts for the tournament. Stevens stated she would continue to research grant opportunities and fundraisers for the club to recover the loss of the revenue from hosting the state tournament. The funds the state tournament funds raised allowed the club to give back to both high school teams and to make donations to courts in the park system.
8. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Ashmore. Seconded by Wesley Scott. Motion approved unanimously.

Next RAC Meeting scheduled for November 15 at 5 pm at Oconee Veterans Park.