



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation Affairs Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2022

Members Present: Jason Hewell, Leslie Hunsinger, Melissa Hopkinson, Dan Moore, Wesley Scott
Kimberly Thomas

Members Absent: Richard Ashmore, Amanda McCoy Ledford, Giles Moree

Staff: Lisa D. Davol, Whitney Sperlik

Guests: Mike Luffler (Pickleball)

BOC: None

Press: None

Minutes:

1. Call to Order. The Recreation Committee convened the regular meeting at Oconee County Senior Center. Leslie Hunsinger called the meeting to order.
2. Approve the Agenda. Jason Hewell made a motion to approve the agenda. Wesley Scott seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Dan Moore made a motion to approve the minutes and Kimberly Thomas seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Merry Howard, Senior Center Director. Howard provided an overview of the Senior Center operations to include funding from federal, state and county, as well as grants. In addition, Howard shared a list of programs offered through the center, membership criteria, and other services. Howard also discussed the Community Block Grant received for the center expansion that is underway. Howard answered questions regarding the facility expansion, meals on wheels, volunteerism, workshops and center needs.
5. Tour Oconee County Senior Center. Merry Howard led a tour of the Senior Center, explaining the various room functions and opportunities.
6. Program and Park updates. Whitney Sperlik provided program updates on upcoming spring programs, winter programs and upcoming events such as Touch a Truck, Pitch, Hit and Run, and a Bike Rodeo. Kimberly Thomson mentioned an antimicrobial film that could be used to diminish the spread of germs and suggested staging photo areas at events.



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Davol provided park updates to include field lighting repairs of \$7000, outlying restroom floor repairs, Heritage Park wash rack repairs, OVP gym floor rescreening/recoating, tree replacements, 3 fields at BSC laser-graded and upcoming Volunteer Invasive Species Removal workdays.

7. Other Business.

- Davol requested agenda items for future meetings. Leslie Hunsinger suggested Historic and/or Tourism topics.
- Next Oconee Parks Foundation meeting scheduled for January 25 at 5 pm.

8. Public Comment. Mike Luffler thanked OCPRD for the new LED lights at HCM gymnasium. Luffler stated they have many more active senior players, and shared information regarding "speck" tennis. Hunsinger stated that growth may cause more congestion on the pickleball courts and Luffler said the extra playing hours at HCM were working out well.

9. Motion to adjourn made by Wesley Scott. Seconded by Dan Moore. Motion approved unanimously.

Next RAC Meeting scheduled for March 15 at 5 pm at Herman C. Michael Park