



# Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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### Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation Affairs Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2019

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Jeanne Barsanti, DeeDee Gaines, Leslie Hunsinger, Ravneet Julka, Jonathan King,

Members Absent: Cristi Donahue, Dan Magee, Wesley Scott

Staff: Whitney Sperlik

Guests: Cindy Pritchard

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. Jonathan King seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approve January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Richard Ashmore made a motion to approve the minutes and Jonathan King seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Keep Oconee Clean & Beautiful – Cindy Pritchard. Cindy Pritchard first thanked the department for their support of the local 4H/FFA groups and partnership to use the facilities at Heritage Park. Cindy provided a background of KOCB's history. The organization was started over 29 years ago and she has been in her role for the last 3 years. The commission is comprised of 12 total individuals and her position is part time. She has an office in the annex and keeps office hours but most of her hours are spent in the community. The position and KOCB is county funded and she applies for grants regularly to assist with their efforts. Cindy spoke about one of the founding members who provided a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary book with detailed information of the group which was extremely helpful for her in the beginning to learn the history of the organization. During 2018, KOCB partnered with the Oconee Chamber to provide recycle containers for the first time in the history of the Fall Festival. This partnership included OCPRD's assistance in providing the tops to the containers and allowing for storage after the event at the park. KOCB has provided trees and seedlings to the park system over the past year and supported Rotary in providing trees to be planted in the park system. In October 2018, through a coordinated partnership with UNG, OVP had all of the trees mapped in GIS. In April 2019, HCM's trees will be mapped through this partnership. Plans are being made to do this at BSC and HP in the near future. The City of Watkinsville is also planning to map their trees in the

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coming year. Cindy spoke about her push to inform citizens about KOCB and how she regularly speaks to different civic groups and utilizes Facebook to push out information.

5. Program Updates. Whitney Sperlik provided department program and event updates for January through March, to include start of OYLA, OFC, OCLL and Youth Soccer.
6. Park Updates. Whitney Sperlik provided updates on facility events, such as OVP New Multi-use Fields, BSC quad improvements, Heritage Park Eagle Scout project, tree plantings, Livestock show, Dirty Spokes trail run, Touch a Truck event, FFA Forestry Field Day and Oconee River Club Dog Agility Trials. In addition, Sperlik mentioned the need for Oconee fourth of July Fireworks event sponsors.
7. Other Business.
  - Oconee Parks Foundation – Ravneet provided the following update on behalf of the Friends of the Park: The final application is being submitted this week once the committee has reviewed and proofed their information. The cost to submit the application is \$500 and she will pay this money. Current total cost is \$700 (\$500 application, \$200 for GA State of Secretary for state application and ID number). Ravneet has paid this in full and the committee plans to split this cost among the members. OPF has a tax ID number and may begin fundraising efforts later in the year with the understanding that funds received will not be able to write off as donation until the federal government approves the application (this can take 6 months to 1 year). The group will meet soon to discuss plans for moving forward this year and next steps.
  - Congratulated Cristi Donahue on her Chamber award.
  - Provided update on the completion of the Scout project at HP.
  - KelMac club will be recognized in the Oconee Enterprise in the coming weeks. Thanked the group for their continued support of HP and the entire park system.
8. Public Comment. None.
9. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Ashmore. Motion seconded by Dan Magee. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next RAC Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park - Community Center. CHANGE IN ORIGINAL SCHEDULED DATE OF MAY 21 DUE TO BOC PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS.**