



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation Affairs Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2018

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Jeanne Barsanti, DeeDee Gaines, Bill Gohdes, Ravneet Julka, Jonathan King, Dan Magee

Members Absent: Leslie Hunsinger, Dale Mitchell

Staff: Whitney Sperlik, Andy Dunston

Guests: None

BOC: None

Press: None

Minutes:

1. The Recreation Committee convened the regular meeting at Oconee Veterans Park. DeeDee Gaines call the meeting to order.
2. Richard Ashmore made a motion to approve the agenda. Ravneet Julka seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Richard Ashmore made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 Recreation Affairs Committee meeting. Jeanne Barsanti provided a second. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Whitney Sperlik introduced Andy Dunston, new Facility Supervisor at Herman C. Michael Park, to the committee.
5. Oconee Youth Lacrosse Association Representatives. Ida Goddard, President and Chris McCommons, Secretary, attended the meeting and discussed topics related to their organization, relationship with parks and recreation and future growth of the program. OYLA is part of the Gwinnett League which runs from February through May. They have 90 (boys) registered this season. Unfortunately, the girl's leagues did not have enough registered for a league. They hope to grow the girl's leagues next year with more marketing and information on the program. Due to the rules of lacrosse, the game is played with different rules by gender so they cannot offer co-ed leagues. Ida and Chris explained to the group the process the board had to complete in order to begin a new association. The reason behind the change in the association is based on the mission and focus shifting so it was determined it would be best to start over with new bylaws and as a new 501c3. The board would like to work closely with Park and Rec staff to grow sport in our area and become a park partner.



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6. Whitney Sperlik provided spring program updates, registration numbers (soccer enrollment over 1,000 participants again this year), current staff openings and park events held. Ravneet Julka mentioned the following items she would encourage staff to address based off recent observations from youth basketball: need for parents/players/specters to be addressed prior or during games to remember to be thoughtful, polite and kind; possibility of installing a curtain divider to be used in OVP gym during games and not allowing comments to be made directly to referees. DeeDee Gaines and Dan Magee both agreed with this suggestion and offered examples we could look at from other organizations. Ravneet Julka also asked us to revisit our internal policies on safety and security protocols for our after school programs.
7. Whitney Sperlik provided park updates, to include the current status of the OVP Multi-Field Expansion Project, Oconee 4th of July event, repair work on ACTS building at BSC, working on rebids of several contracts, and the Eagle Scout HP trail improvement project.
8. Other Business. Ravneet Julka provided an update to the group on the status of the Oconee Parks Foundation. She announced the group will meet after Oconee Spring Break.
9. Public Comments: None.
10. Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Ashmore. Jonathan King provided a second. Motion approved to adjourn.

Next RAC Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 5 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park - Community Center.