



Oconee County Parks & Recreation

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Citizens Advisory Committee on Recreation Affairs Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2017

Members Present: Richard Ashmore, Jeff Christie, DeeDee Gaines, Bill Gohdes, Leslie Hunsinger, Jonathan King, Dan Magee, Dale Mitchell, Jeanne Barsanti

Members Absent: none

Staff: John Gentry, Lisa Davol

Guests:

BOC: Chairman John Daniell

Press: Kelcey Caulder (OE)

Minutes:

1. The Recreation Committee convened the regular meeting at Oconee Veterans Park. Leslie Hunsinger called the meeting to order.
2. The Agenda was approved as submitted with motion by Richard Ashmore and second by Bill Ghodes.
3. Richard Ashmore made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2016 Recreation Affairs Committee meeting. Jeff Christie provided a second. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Program Updates: Lisa Davol provided the committee a basketball program review. Lisa stated this was the first time in the history of the basketball program that it exceeded over 1,000 participants (228 adults, 828 youth). Lisa stated that the adult program was capped and 7 adults teams were turned away. Lisa also stated the ages 7-10 youth program saw the largest growth.
5. School and Park Collaboration: Dr. Jason Branch was invited but unable to attend due to a previous commitment so John Gentry provided the committee with an overview of the BOC and OCS Facility Joint Use Agreement that will require renewal in November 2020.



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6. Review Membership Participation Numbers. John Gentry shared with the committee the calendar year 2016 data of individuals that swipe through the membership programs at the community center. John provided a handout on the numbers for the year.
7. Other business: Bill Ghodes informed the committee that he met with a citizen (Dianne Windham) regarding her volunteer efforts with an Athens Clarke canoeing and kayaking group that utilizes the Oconee River and the group really would like a public access/take-out point in Oconee County as part of a blue way recreational effort by the 2 counties. Bill encouraged this blue way design as part of the future comprehensive master plan for parks. DeeDee also informed the committee that the 2nd Annual Dash for Dogs will be hosted at OVP on March 26 where proceeds will be utilized for future dog park amenities. Dan re-emphasized the need for a traffic light at the entrance of OVP and Highway 53.
8. Public Comments: None.
9. Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Ashmore.
Jeff Christie provided a second. Motion approved.

Next RAC Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5 pm at Oconee Veterans Park – Community Center

Recording Secretary: _____

Date: _____

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