

City of Athens Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022, 5:30 pm
Athens City Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Members in attendance are Chairman Brandon Thompson, Daniel Brown, Greg Lavelle, Councilmember Alan Swank, and Assistant Director Erin Helms.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – No additions were made, and the agenda stands as approved.
3. **Approval of March Minutes** – There are no minutes for approval
4. **Old Business**
 - a. New Members Discussion – Chairman Thompson informed the board that 3 new members have been selected to join the Advisory Board. The new members will be Andrea Lewis, Ash Allenson, Rebecca Dillon. Chairman Thompson also informed the board that Member Travis Gatling will be resigning from the board. Councilman Swank recommended to the board to find a fourth candidate for the board and suggested Ann LaRue to be considered.
 - b. Tennis/Pickleball Court Update – Assistant Director Helms informed the board that the pickle ball project is making its way through City Council. The board discussed the specific measurements of the courts and the layout of the courts on the property.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Bike path safety issues – Member Lavelle discussed the possible construction of concrete barriers along side the bike path. Member Brown agreed that the safety issues need to be addressed. Councilmember asked which department is responsible for fixing these issues. Assistant Director Helms suggested talking to Director Andy Stone or EPW. The board discussed the potential actions needed to get these improvements underway and who's responsibility it is to raise these concerns.
 - b. Community Center Hours and Equipment discussion – Assistant Director Helms is comfortable with the staffing levels of the community center and hopes to review the hours for potential change. Assistant Director Helms informed the board that new exercise equipment is in route. Other improvements like lightbulb repairs and new floor coating are also underway.
 - c. Skate Jam – The presenter wasn't able to attend the meeting so no presentation wasn't given. The Skate Jam event is Saturday, April 23rd from 4-9 PM.
6. **Other Items** – No other items were discussed
7. **APR Staff Report** – Assistant director Helms informed the board that the

department is hiring new staff members in all different positions. Assistant Director submitted her Staff Report to the board for review.

8. **Reminders:** Next Meeting – May 19th, 2022, 5:30 pm
9. **Adjournment** – Chairman Thompson ask for a motion to adjourn, moved by Member Brown, and seconded by Member Lavelle. The meeting is adjourned at 6:08 PM.