

**Athens Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2022, 5:30 pm
Athens City Council Chambers**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. The members in attendance are Chairman Thompson, Rebecca Dillon, Director Katherine Ann Jordan, Councilmember Alan Swank, .
- 2. Approval of Agenda** – There were 2 items added to the agenda.
- 3. New Business**
 - a. Need to identify a secretary – The commission discussed the secretary position and opened the position up to whoever wants it. The members also discussed the use of a recorder that would help speed the process up.
 - b. Camp Rotan Camping rules/permitting process – Director Jordan started off by explaining what Camp Rotan was and the infrastructure on the campgrounds. Director Jordan informed the board about the improvements needed to make the camp site usable. Director Jordan is working with the Athens County Health Department to find solutions for the human waste issue. Director Jordan is looking for advise from the board on how to create a permission process, camp regulations, and overall operations of the camp site. The board also discussed the uses of firepits and permitted locations to light fires. Councilman Swank asked about the financial aspect of this project and if the Recreation department has funds already available.
 - c. Pickle Ball Courts – Director Jordan provided the board with a large information packet detailing the plans for the Pickleball court. Director Jordan plans on providing the board with a follow up email and more information surrounding this project. Director Jordan discussed the bid package and what is expected of the contractors when the project is put out to bid.
 - d. AMAC Minutes – Chairman Thompson Made a comment about how the Athens Municipal Arts Commission has sent their minutes to the Recreation Advisory Board for review so that way the two boards can be up to date on what each other are working on.
- 4. Other Items** – No other items were discussed

5. APR Staff Report – Director Jordan gave her monthly staff report to the Board. Director Jordan talked about the Pool and its process of closing for the season. Limited hours and limited pool areas will start soon due to the school year starting back up and lifeguards are returning to school. Operations of the pool are subject to change with the availability of staffing. Director Jordan also discussed fall sports and registration for the soccer program. Director Jordan promoted the AMAC art gallery at the community center. Director Jordan informed the board about her partnership with the Athens School District and the relocating of the Athens Elementary school playground to West State Street Park. Director Jordan promoted events for this month which were Movies in the park, Skate Jam, and the community Halloween party next month.

6. Adjournment – Chairman Thompson made the motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm.