

Athens Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 15th, 5:30 pm
Athens City Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. The members in attendance are Daniel Brown, Ash Allanson, Greg Lavell, Rebecca Dillon, and Aaron Helms from the Athens Parks and Recreation Department.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – There were no additions, and the agenda stands as approved.
3. **New Business**
 - a. All Commissions and Boards Procedure Refresher Meeting (review document sent from Patty) – Chairman Thompson refreshed the committee on the Roberts Rules of Order and the recommend the members to take a look at the documents provided to them.
 - b. Pool Wrap up - (Director's Updates included in email) - Arron Helms gave an update on the City's pool. She went over the Pools revenue for the season, gave recognition to the pool manager and staff, and thanked the community for their support. The pool is now officially closed for the season and City staff is winterizing the facility to make sure its prepared for next summer. The total expense reports won't be available till mid-October. Mrs. Helms also discussed balancing events, staffing, other challenges that the pool faces, and how to balance all of those challenges.
 - c. Tennis/Pickeball Court Update – Mrs. Helms informed the board that the project will be put out to bid on September 17th
 - d. Fall Field Usage Update (Walmart, Stimson, WSSP) – Chairman Thompson asked Mrs. Helms to give a rundown on the us of the City's soccer fields. Mrs. Helms said the soccer fields at the Ohio University Driving range need some attention, so maintenance is looking into the necessary repairs. Mrs. Helms talked about all of the different fall sports happening at the moment and what organizations were using what spaces. She said with all of this activity, it's keeping the Parks and Recreation staff busy with making sure everything is maintained and upkept for the different sporting events.
4. **Other Items** – No other items were discussed
5. **APR Staff Report** - Mrs. Helms provided the Board Members with a staff report. She went over the list of events happening in the City. Mrs. Helms also informed the board about the new art gallery in the Community Center. Mrs. Helms also discussed the plans to move the playground equipment from Athens Elementary School to West State Street Park. Mrs. Helms continued to discuss more events that were happening in the city and past events the Parks Staff attended. The Parks department is also working with the Shade Tree Commission to get trees planted at the different park locations. Mrs. Helms gave an update on upcoming projects for facility improvements. Mrs. Dillon gave an update on her work with finding partnerships. Mrs. Dillon suggested to reach out to the university and find students that are willing to help with grant applications and writing.
6. **Reminders:** Next Meeting – October 20th, 2022, 5:30 pm

7. **Adjournment** - Chairman Thompson made the Motion to Adjourn at 6:11 pm and was seconded by Mr. Lavell.