



AGENDA
ATHENS RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AT 5:30 PM

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Establish Quorum**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Disposition of Minutes**
 - June, 2023
- 5. New Business**
 - Community member insights
 - City Pool lap swim/Aquatic Center closure (summer 2024)
 - Pickleball scheduling
 - Concerns over illegal camping in city parks
 - Vote to fill officer positions for 2024: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary
 - Actions for board member recruitment: three vacancies
 - Adaptive recreational opportunities
- 6. Continuing Business**
- 7. APR Staff Report**
- 8. Announcements & Other Business**
 - Next meeting: March 21, 2024
- 9. Adjournment**

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Athens Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2023, 5:30 pm
Athens City Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:33pm by Daniel Brown, Chair.
 - **In attendance:** Daniel Brown, Ash Allynson, Anne L'Heurux, Annie Valeant, Alan Swank, Katherine Ann Jordan.
 - A **Quorum** was **established**
- II. **Additions to the Agenda:** Due to the unavailability of timely access to the minutes from April and June, their approval will wait until the next meeting on July 20, 2023. Secondly, under old business and the by-laws ad-hoc committee there will be a discussion regarding the by-laws draft.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Will be pushed until the next meeting, in July.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. Community member insights: Daniel decided to install this into the new business. Daniel thinks that this has the potential to really add something to our meetings as well as creating more interactions with the community. Daniel has two insights:
 - i. A Community member on the far east side liked the bluebird houses that used to be at the old dog park and were disappointed to see them taken down. They hope that replacements will be erected when the solar array and surrounding pollinator area are completed. Daniel mentioned that along the bikeway on the OU Golf Course there are birdhouses paired together which often house Eastern Bluebirds in one and Tree Swallows in the other, simultaneously.
 - ii. Also Elderberry that used to be in the grubbed area (between Hocking River and Community Center/Kroger was grubbed and they hope it comes back.
 - Anne has insights about the skate park:
 - iii. Community members have asked for more seating options. Often adults come with children and would like to watch and have a place to sit while doing so. There are also requests for more practice pipes. They are called grind pipes and they are used for practice.
 - Katherine Anne suggested this could be a good time for praises.
 - iv. Annie has praise for the movie night
 - v. Daniel has heard praise for the pool membership portal process.

- vi. Daniel also took this time to explain how garlic mustard are ready to release their mass amount of seeds.

V. Continuing Business

a. By-Laws Draft update:

- i. Daniel states that we will continue to work on the draft and be further along in the process for the July meeting.
- ii. Alan suggested that when ready, both copies should be given to the Law Director.
- iii. Ash brought up the terms of office section language as we have had considerable turnover recently. Alan explained how members filling a vacancy of an unexpired term will finish that three year term before beginning the next.
- iv. Alan: we should ask Debbie Walker for the term dates for board members.

b. Master Plan ad Hoc committee:

- i. This discussion will continue with more to come next month.

c. Adaptive sports and recreation catalog.

- i. Ash indicates that Joe Crowley (OU) could be a resource
- ii. Anne: volleyball is a good option that can easily have changes in order to be an adaptive recreation opportunity.
- iii. Alan: most people are very happy with what we offer, but there is still a considerable gap.

d. APR Updates: Efforts underway to help preserve and bring back Sells Park - KAJ

- i. Jones Fish treating algae and duck weed
- ii. Cover up excess trails with debris to help with erosion and allow the return to normal and
- iii. Eventually the organic material from the pond will be available for the community to use
- iv. Would like to extend the parking area eventually.

e. The new tennis courts were paved

- i. An additional inch and a quarter of asphalt are needed
- ii. Total Tennis will then put the paint on once ready
- iii. Cannot put fencing up until surface painting happens

f. Temporary lines on the new pickleball courts.

- i. Nets are heavy weighted, so holes are not needed in the courts

g. Concert in the Parks

- i. One is going on tonight, again on July 20, and the third on August 17th.

h. Movies in the Park sponsored by the Copperheads is great! Next showings are July 28th, August 18th.

i. The Girls Scout group worked to restore the rain garden behind the community center.

j. KAJ Finished up the APR Staff updates

- k. Daniel asked if anyone had anything they would like to add..
- l. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers

Motion to adjourn Anne; seconded by Annie

- Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm