

Athens Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024
Athens City Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order:** Established Quorum, Megan Russell
 - In attendance: Megan Russell (Chair), Annie Valeant (Co-Chair), Anne L’Heureux, Stuart Goldsberry (Secretary), Katherine Anne Jordan (Rec. Director), Alan Swank (Council Rep.)
- II. **Additions to the Agenda:** Anne L’Heureux, Annie Valeant - second
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Next month from February, Anne L’Heureux – motion, Annie Valeant – second
- IV. **New business:**
 - Indoor play equipment – mall
 - Katherine Anne talked to Tracy Galway – need to move to make room for business moving into mall.
 - Possibly move to community room in the mall – ping pong/fooseball
 - Erin (Asst. Director) – went with Katherine Anne to check out equipment – could not trace all equipment.
 - Needs to be removed by the 27th – we will move and store at the mall for a month, at the most.
 - No charge for use in the Community Center
 - Need to decide how to make it work without interrupting other activities – Community Room 15 best.
 - 8 weeks out of the year we would have to find another space – need to use for camp so cannot use.
 - Annie – proposed that you would be a member to use, Katherine Anne suggested it would be difficult to monitor.
 - Wait and see what feedback from the community and what.
 - Controlled hunting program – Katherine Anne spoke with ODNR to see if the city can also have controlled hunting.
 - Good way to manage deer population.
 - Lottery of controlled hunt within the parks.
 - Have several different sessions and have specific locations – random selection.
 - Things like may have
 - Lots of information from Cincinnati – they have very detailed information from tracking deer population and tracking with heat maps.
 - City owned land and parcels – idea: if people wanted to donate land to be used.
 - Details of how far from road/tree/street...
 - This could be an additional revenue stream.
 - Potentially some donate the meat.
 - Annie – up in liability or insurance?

- This would be during bow season and would have to have your appropriate permits.
- May increase for those who don't have access to hunting land.
- V. **Continuing business:** Megan
 - Consideration for 3 vacancies.
 - We have 4 applications.
 - Joint meeting with AMAC.
 - Alan – AMAC meeting on April 10 – could potentially get on the April agenda if it gets to the mayor and approved by 3/27.
 - AMAC – May meeting is May 8 – would we meet here or community center?
 - Third Thursday concert in the part
 - Megan will contact Kelly with AMAC to schedule meeting in May.
 - Megan would like us to vote 1/2/3/4 – not response yet from Heather Jolley, the other 3 responded immediately to get to the mayor.
 - April Updates:
 - Review pages sent – muck is gone from Sells Park.

VI. **APR Staff Report Updates**

- Things to be thinking about
 - 25 Year Anniversary Community Center 2025 and 20 Year Arts West 2026
- Project updates
 - Sells Park Muck Removed
 - Tennis courts fence installed
 - Pickleball Courts – waiting on fence quote
 - West State Park
 1. Waiting on OU on lease for soccer and driving range shared use and working on protective netting and install
- Richland Ave Playground
 - Waiting on one grant response after receiving 2 no's
 - Playground is being ordered
- National Fitness Program
 - Outdoor fitness court going to be installed by the new fire station in June
- Department Happenings
 - Katherine Anne graduated NRPS's Director School
- Pool
 - All hiring is in full force
 - New Idea – toddler friendly time 10-12
- Upcoming Projects:
 - New West State restroom facilities – meeting with Sandlot to partner
 - ALCO canoe put in
 1. Seeking funding

2. Sells Park – need to work on plan to extend ADA concrete path and adding dock/observation deck in pond

VII. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 18 @ 5:30

- Anne moved to adjourn.
- Megan - second