



**AGENDA**  
**ATHENS RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Establish Quorum**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Disposition of Minutes:**
  - Approval of January minutes
- 5. New Business**
  - Letter of support for the new south side trails
- 6. Continuing Business**
  - Recruiting new members
- 7. APR Staff Report**
- 8. Announcements & Other Business:**
- 9. Adjournment**

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## Athens Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026

Call to order: 5:32 PM

Quorum: Not established (Megan, Emily, Anne present; KAJ and Mayor Patterson also attending)

### **New Business**

New member: Katelyn Muscover officially approved by council; term began December 2025.

Contact information: All members asked to send updated contact info to Megan (even if unchanged).

Board terms: Anne beginning a second three-year term

### **Continuing Business**

- **Buy-a-Brick Campaign:** Continue promotion; KAJ will share photo of board brick for social media.
- **Board recruitment:** Google form to relaunch; members encouraged to share and personally recruit.
- **Executive roles:** Upcoming openings for Vice Chair (confirmed) and possibly Chair and Secretary.
- **Friends of Group:** No update.
- **Joint meeting with AMAC:** Date to be scheduled at February meeting.

### **Mayor's Remarks**

- Possible future code changes to allow student representation (OU and potentially high school).
- Potential Camp Rotan ADA-accessible suspension bridge concept discussed.
- Appreciation expressed for board service.

### **APR Staff Report (Key Updates)**

#### **Facilities & Projects**

- West State restrooms: foundation completed; soil compaction issue being addressed (install target mid-late February).
- Community Center office construction ongoing.
- Upcoming: ACC restroom renovation; Gwande/Dowler trail development (~2.5 miles, accessible portion planned); Rotan trail easement.
- Pool: gutter gate replacement and repairs to tot pool skimmer.

#### **Programming & Operations**

- Winter programming underway.

- Morning Mingle launched (first Mondays, 9:30–11 AM).
- 75 memberships sold for “New Year New You.”
- Spring break camp registration opening soon.
- Upcoming events and registrations (Arts West Valentine card event, ukulele, knitting, Fam Jam).
- Staff attending OPRA conference; suggestion to share updates at next meeting.
- Lifeguard instructor certification underway to enable in-house training.
- Summer camp registration opens March 1.

### **Grants**

- Funding secured for family restroom changing table and summer sensory swim program.

### **Next Meeting**

**February 19, 2026 - 5:30 PM (ACC Conference Room)**