

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)