

Athens Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Date: June 17th, 2021

Time: 5:30pm

Attendees: Alan Swank, Terri Moore, Greg Lavelle, Shauna Switzer, Kathrine Ann Jordan, Daniel Brown

May minutes

Greg motions to approve, Shauna seconds.

Minutes approved.

Old Business

Friends of APR

Presented by Shauna. No new updates, still working on paperwork.

Looking for someone that could give legal advice throughout process

Recreation

Soccer – possible AdHoc committee: presented by Shauna Switzer

- Presentation regarding soccer field condition and need for a new location
- Current soccer fields are located in a floodplain: by Walmart next to Hocking River
 - o Due to this, unable to make improvements
- Large number of soccer players use these fields
- Ground is uneven, if weather does not cooperate the fields do not get mowed properly and ball does not roll well, makes it difficult to play.
- Fields flood often and pools of water can be found on the fields anytime it rains hard
 - o Due to floodplain, cannot bring in soil, additives, etc. to improve conditions
 - o Sinkholes, debris left behind by flooding, washing away topsoil, etc.
- Current fields are dangerous, players have been injured due to holes and uneven ground
- Unable to hold soccer tournaments or regional travel clubs due to potential for injury and field conditions
- Athens is a prime location to become a regional hub for soccer
- Proposal: new fields at minimum; ideal is an Athens Sports Complex in future
- Alan proposes to create an ad hoc committee to look specifically at soccer

- Shauna motions to form an ad hoc soccer committee, seconded by Daniel
- Committee approves motion
- Goal to have rough list of who to include by next meeting

Tennis/Pickleball Project

- Quote received from Total Tennis: \$288,000 for 3 tennis courts; 4 pickleball courts
 - Does not include lighting which would add to cost
 - Timeline: July of next year to have project completed
 - Terri plans to check with other agencies to review tennis/pickleball courts that have been built in the past couple of years and how they handled it (using sourcewell or going to bid)
- Project will be discussed with Mayor and Chief Pyle on Monday