

**Agenda**  
**Athens Recreation Advisory Board**  
**June 16, 2022, 4:30 pm**  
**Athens City Council Chambers**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Thompson Called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Members in attendance are Daniel Brown, Andrea Lewis, Ash Allanson, Rebecca Dillon, Mayor Steve Patterson, Director Katherine Ann Jordan, and Councilman Alan Swank.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – There were no additions, and the agenda stands as approved.
3. **Old Business** – There was no old business to discuss.
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Pool Update** – Director Jordan gave an update on the staffing issues associated with the community pool. Director Jordan hopes to extend the pool hours and add more swim lessons once more lifeguards are hired on, and staffing issues are resolved. Director Jordan informed the board that chlorine generators are running and operational. Director Jordan told to board about feedback she was receiving from community members who have used the community pool. Chairman Thompson asked Director Jordan if there was anything to board could help with. Member Brown asked Director Jordan how the parks department was recruiting people for the open lifeguard positions. Director Jordan informed the board that the job posting is on the website and word of mouth/social media is used to get people to apply. The board discussed potential partnerships with the Ohio University Swimming team and Diving teams for clinics through the community pool. Councilmember Swank talked about compensation for these students and the potential for these programs to provide PE credits for their education.
  - b. **Athens Parks and Recreation Advisory Board proposed name change** – Chairman Thompson received an email from City Councilmember Micah McCarry and asked the board to discuss a name change and provide input to City council before they make the decision. Member Brown suggested to add the word “parks” into the name to make it the “Athens Parks and Recreation Advisory board”. Member Lewis agreed with Member Brown. Councilmember Swank discussed the role of the two Arts, Parks, and Recreation advisory boards. The role of this board (Athens Recreation advisory board) is to advise on recreational activities of the department. AMAC’s purpose is to advise on the Art activities of the department. The board has come to an agreeance that adding the word “parks” is a good improvement and accurately represents the role of the board.
  - c. **Stop Focusing/Discussing Art, that’s not your charge** – Chairman Thompson had a question about advising on job qualifications and employment and what the boards role is on advising on that for arts. Member Lewis made the point that the arts department was not established when the Recreation advisory board was created some changes might need to be made in the Bi-laws to better clarify the roles of each board.
  - d. **Meeting every 6 months between AMAC and the Recreation Advisory Board is**

proposed – Chairman Thompson had a meeting with the Chairperson of AMAC. Chairman Thompson expressed his opposition to the arts liaison and is for quarterly meetings between the Recreation advisory board and AMAC. Director Jordan suggested the venue for the quarterly switches between the two board meeting spaces.

- e. How can this board better accomplish these duties? – Chairman Thomas brought up the task of providing an annual report to the Mayor Patterson and how that could benefit the board in making plans for the future. Mayor Patterson wasn't aware that report was required and hasn't expected a separate report from the board. Mayor Patterson suggested for the board to help Director Jordan for her annual department report that is submitted to the mayor's office.

5. **Other Items** – Member Dillon discussed grant writing programs and potential partnership with the university to get help with grant writing. Member Dillon talked about how University Masters programs require students to take a class on grant writing and a partnership with the university could benefit both the students and the Recreation Department.
6. **APR Staff Report** – Director Jordan started her report off with discussing the Summer camp program. The departments new program specialist has been doing a great job in her new role. Director Jordan told the board about the Arts West production over the weekend which was successful. Director Jordan informed the board about the Concert in the parks event that is happening soon. Director Jordan doesn't have any updates on the department's projects. Director Jordan asked the board for help in creating a new master plan for the department which will require researching and reaching out to community members for input.
7. **Reminders:** Next Meeting – July 2022 5:30 pm
8. **Adjournment** – Member Lewis made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by member Allanson. The meeting is adjourned at 5:43 pm.