

Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Monday, March 18, 2024
OPA Community Center – East Room
6:30 – 7:30 PM
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Participants Present: Four of six members were present. Jeff Heavener attended as the Ocean Pines Board Liaison.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for March 2024 was approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes for the month of February 2024 were approved.

Chairperson Comments: New committee member, Gary Schnell, was approved by the Board of Directors on Saturday 23 March 2024.

Public Comments: None

Topics Discussed:

- Bill discussed the results of the committee's topics brought to the OPA board. Jeff submitted the 5 safety concerns previously identified by the committee to info@oceanpines.org. The concerns have been resolved.
- OP Bike and Pedestrian Safety Working Group Update: Pam provided a committee update that included, working with OP Police Chief Robinson on a grant submission to Office of Highway Safety for FY 25 for bike safety educational materials, OP Community Bike Ride is scheduled for 11 May 2024, crosswalks, and yield signs along the Sherwood Forest trail.
- OPA Activities Day 20 April 2024: The group discussed materials and information that will be shared with the community at the event such as Park and Trail maps. Bill will coordinate with the Environmental Committee Chair on software their committee is using for QR code creation. Our committee will have a table at the event and will request to have our table near the Rec & Park department and the OP Bike and Pedestrian Safety Working Group to coordinate efforts.
- Kathy provided information on the Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) program. The team discussed the benefits of routine playground inspections. The committee will have further discussion and present it as a recommendation to the Board.

- Bill presented the Rec & Park Annual Plan. All members have the action by the next meeting to review and select items to prioritize. The priorities and focus areas will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Bill will be presenting the Annual Report submitted in Oct 2023 at the Executive Council meeting on 28 March.

Actions for Committee:

- Review and prioritize items from the Annual Plan.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Final Note: *Next Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024, 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Ocean Pines Community Center – East Room. The option of an online “Teams Meeting” is available upon request.*