



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY

June 19, 2026, at 12:00

1. **Call to order:** 12:10 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Greg Gaeta (Present), Joanne Gerace (Present), David Guido (Present 12:28), Frank DuRoss (Present), Brian Noonan (Present), Tom Keeler (Absent), Joseph Johnson (Present).
3. **Others Present:** None
4. Introduction of guest George Deak, Owner of the Utica Blue Sox for general discussion about the relationship between the Authority and the Blue Sox and the upcoming lease renewal.
5. Motion to enter executive session for purposes of contract negotiations 12:33 by Joanne Gerace, seconded by Frank Duross. Yes: 6, No: 0.
6. Motion to end executive session 12:50 by Joseph Johnson, seconded by Dave Guido. Yes: 6, No: 0.
7. Discussion concerning the Blue Sox Lease. **Motion** by Joseph Johnson to authorize new lease on the following terms. **Seconded** by David Guido. Yes: 6, No: 0. The following terms are authorized:
 - Enter into new three-year lease covering the 2027 and 2028 and 2029 seasons
 - Practice time will be scheduled in bulk and provided at 50% of the actual rate
 - Charge of \$50 per hour for field use (such as practices)
 - Lessee will be entitled to all outfield advertising and ONLY outfield advertising
 - Charge of \$1,500 per year for use of lighting
 - Authorize chairman to deviate from the foregoing if negotiations require, subject to ratification by the Board
8. **Previous Minutes:** **Motion** by David Guido to approve the minutes of 3/13/26. **Seconded** by Frank Duross. Yes: 6, No: 0, the minutes are approved.
9. **Motion**: by Joanne Gerace to approve Mauro Glass to replace the glass in the old clubhouse locker room with etched glass at a cost of \$1,500, seconded by Frank Duross. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
10. **Motion** by Joseph Johnson to approve Chenango Contracting performing recommended turf maintenance deep cleaning at a cost of \$5,000. **Seconded** by David Guido Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.

11. **Motion** by Frank Duross to approve of Eversan Inc. performing necessary repairs to scoreboard cleaning at a cost of \$2,755. **Seconded** by David Guido Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
12. **Operations update:** Greg reported that there have been approximately 80 games played to date, a combination of MVCC, SUNY, Utica University, HCCC, Proctor, Notre Dame, Clinton, New Hartford, Stop DWI event, Little League event, Sectional and Regional Highschool playoff games.
 - a. Future events: American Legion, Blue Sox, Adult League, Fall League, Haggs Baseball Tournament
13. **Staffing update:** Greg reported that the combination of Oneida County DPW part time employees and the Express Employment Agency part time workers have worked well. There will be an addition of a college corps program intern for the purpose of website development.
14. **Discussion:**
 - a. Plaque placement and additions are on hold for now
 - b. Oneida County DPW is in the process of improving the parking lot, oil & stone and seal and then finally stripe it.
 - c. The Boilermaker will construct a sign, at their cost, at a mutually agreed upon placement beyond the outfield fence facing Burrstone road. The back of the sign will be solid black as this will be visible from the stands.
 - d. Greg met with GoNetSpeed representatives about getting internet service for the facility. No specifics to report at this time as we just looked at logistics of getting service to the desired locations.
15. **Motion:** By David Guido to adjourn. **Seconded** by Frank Duross. Yes: 6, No: 0.