



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY

September 11, 2026, at 12:00

1. **Call to order:** 12:15 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Greg Gaeta (Present), Joanne Gerace (Present), David Guido (Absent), Frank DuRoss (Present), Brian Noonan (Present), Tom Keeler (Present), Joseph Johnson (Present).
3. **Others Present:** None
4. **Motion** by Tom Keeler to approve the minutes of 9/19/26. Seconded by Joe Johnson. Yes: 6, No: 0, the minutes are approved.
5. **Previous business:**
 - a. Parking lot, Boilermaker sign, Turf maintenance all completed.
 - b. Decided not to pursue internet installation with GoNetSpeed.
 - c. Continuing to renovate downstairs locker room of old clubhouse.
 - d. Irrigation system items did not sell at auction, OK to dispose of.
 - e. Blue Sox lease approved by Oneida County Board of Legislators.
6. **Staffing update:** Staffing combination working well. Plan to continue the same.
7. **Operations update:** Event update about 160 games to date. Will come just short of 200 for the year. 2025 (partial season) was 121, and 2024 was 102 events.
8. **Motion** by Frank Duross to approve the submission of the budget for the 2026 PARIS filing, subject to revisions and corrections by the Chairman. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
9. **Motion** by Tom Keeler to authorize an amendment to the Consulting Agreement with Yehahes Advisors, LLC, bringing the total compensation thereunder from \$20,000 to \$48,000, to provide consulting for ongoing projects with additional grant funding. Seconded by Frank Duross. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
10. **Discussion:**
 - a. Dick Meiss agreement expires at end of 2026 – Greg to discuss renewal with Dick for approval at December meeting
 - b. Parking lot agreement expires at end of 2026 – will discuss renewal for approval at December meeting

- c. Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$500,000 awarded to the County. This is in the early stages with planned work to begin August 2027.
- d. City of Utica was awarded a grant from NY State that lists Murnane Field as one of the cornerstone projects. The County in conjunction with the Authority are working on preparing a submission. If this gets approval the timeline for work to begin would be August 2028.

11. **Motion:** By Tom Keeler to adjourn at 1:10. **Seconded** by Frank Duross. Yes: 6, No: 0.

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