



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY

September 12, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

1. **Call to order:** 12:14 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Greg Gaeta (Present), Joanne Gerace (Present), Frank DuRoss (Absent), Joe Johnson (Present), Brian Noonan (Present), Tom Keeler (Present at 12:25), Dave Guido (Present).
3. **Others Present:** Andrew Dean, Esq., Deputy County Attorney-Administration.
4. **Previous Minutes:** Motion by Joe Johnson to approve the minutes of 6/13/25. Seconded by Dave Guido. Yes: 5, No: 0, the minutes are approved.
5. **Discussion:**
 - a. Review of lease expirations. Only lease expiring this year is cleaning agreement.
 - b. Blue Seat Auction. All seats were listed together instead of individually as we originally thought, an offer was received, and we countered but that was rejected. We will pursue selling the seats individually.
 - c. Staffing. We chose not to use the College Corp employee and instead hired a temp from Express Employment Professionals.
 - d. New Hartford Turf rules violation.
 - e. Motion by Joanne Gerace to approve the purchase of a John Deere gator for the price of \$13,247. Seconded by Dave Guido. Yes: 5, No: 0, the motion is adopted
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Motion by Joe Johnson to approve the submission of the budget for the 2025 PARIS filing, subject to revisions and corrections by the Chairman. Seconded by Dave Guido. Yes: 5, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
 - b. Motion by Joe Johnson to purchase concrete in the amount of \$1,139 for the MVCC Trades sidewalk project. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
 - c. Motion by Tom Keeler to ratify the purchase of a speaker from Big Apple Music. Seconded by Greg Gaeta. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.

- d. Motion by Brian Noonan to authorize the payment of \$16,000 to the County of Oneida for the purchase of netting at Murnane Field. Seconded by Tom Keeler. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
- e. Motion by Joe Johnson to pay the County of Oneida for the purchase netting for the bullpen at the price of \$2,100, as may be defrayed by any credits. Seconded by Dave Guido. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
- f. Motion by Tom Keeler to authorize an amendment to the Consulting Agreement with Yehahes Advisors, LLC, bringing the total compensation thereunder from \$10,000 to \$20,000, to provide consulting for the Griffiss indoor baseball facilities project. Seconded by Dave Guido. Yes: 6, No: 0. The motion is adopted.
- g. Discussion: The City of Utica installed a security camera on a light pole in the parking lot covering the parking lot and the street. This does not cover the field at all.
- h. Boilermaker sign. Discussion to contact the Boilermaker to see if there is interest in putting a sign back up now that construction is complete. The location would be the back of the right field batting cage.
- i. Construction Plaque. Discussion about a plaque commemorating the turf construction project. Potential wording was discussed with template to be reviewed by County Executive. Further discussion is needed to organize the existing 7 plaques already at the facility before adding another.
- j. Scoreboard. Oneida County DPW has contracted with an engineer to perform an analysis of the existing scoreboard structure to determine if the structure can support a new scoreboard.
- k. Hudl. Utica City School Board inquired about installing Hudl cameras at Murnane field as part of their initiative to have all their athletic events streamed live. Further investigation is needed to determine costs and who would be responsible for installation and operational expenses.
- l. Blue sox lease. Greg reported that even though the Blue Sox have one year remaining on their lease they are open to beginning the process of updating the lease with all the changes since its inception.
- m. Motion by Joe Johnson to extend a \$500 credit to Jug Sports LLC for the loss of use of the field in the month of June, with no admission of liability and reservation of all rights. Seconded by Joanne Gerace. Yes: 6, No: 0.
- n. Discussion about scheduling approach for the Spring. The Authority has already received requests from Notre Dame High School and Utica College to play some games. Will have to finalize rental pricing, light pricing, light usage and scheduling of games and practices at December meeting.
- o. Next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2025

7. **Adjourn.** Motion by Frank DuRoss to Adjourn. Seconded by Joanne Gerace. Yes: 5, No: 0. Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.