



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 2, 2023, AT 12PM

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Joseph Johnson, Dave Guido, Frank Duross, Brian Noonan, Tom Keeler, Joanne Gerace

Also Present: Andrew Dean, Attorney

Excused: None

Authority Business:

Gregory Gaeta calls the meeting to order at 12PM.

Introduction of new board member Joann Gerace.

A motion was made by Joe Johnson to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Tom Keeler, all in favor.

The Oneida County Board of Legislators reappointed the existing members, Dave Guido, Frank DuRoss, Joe Johnson and appointed new member Joanne Gerace.

The separation of the Stop DWI funds has been completed. The funds are no longer in our account.

Security cameras were purchased and set up on data plan by the County and provided to the Authority for installation.

Parking lot lights in the process of being repaired by the County Buildings and Grounds. The lights work on one side of the parking lot but the other side still needs repair. The County was there yesterday working on them but the completion date is unknown at this time.

Staffing update, in addition to Dick Meiss and Bob Cunningham we have added two college corps program staff. One is returning from last year but will only be with us for June. The other is in conjunction with the Blue Sox as he also is an intern for them.

One main project that has been completed is the rebuilding and raising of home plate area. Also had the bleachers and grand stand pressure washed. This has been done sporadically in the past by county workers or kids. Having it done professionally produced much better results.

Reviewed the officer positions that were elected in August 2021, no changed needed.

Pressure washing of bleachers was professionally completed.

A motion was made by Dave to purchase a new batting turtle, a Big Bubba in the amount of \$6,600, seconded by Frank , all in favor.

A motion was made by Joanne to declare as surplus and dispose of the old batting turtle (excluding net), to surplus auction, seconded by Frank , all in favor.

A motion was made by Joe to purchase four (4) JBL speakers in the amount of \$4,636 installed, seconded by Tom, all in favor.

Andrew advised that each board member should be sworn in by the County Clerk.

Andrew advised that Joanne will need to complete the Public Authority training if she hasn't already.

A motion was made by Joe to accept the amended ethics policy, seconded by Tom, all in favor.

A motion was made by Tom to approve independent contractor agreement with Richard Meiss for either 1 or 2 years, at Meiss' option, seconded by Dave, all in favor.

A motion was made by Joe to accept the amended bylaws, in the form presented by A. Dean, thereby creating the Audit and Governance Committees, among other changes, seconded by Brian, all in favor.

A motion was made by Frank to establish the Audit Committee with the following members, seconded by Joe, all in favor. Each committee member shall serve a term of one year, unless reappointed for additional terms.

- Joanne Gerace, Chairperson
- Tom Keeler
- Greg Gaeta

A motion was made by Tom to establish the Governance Committee with the following members, seconded by Frank , all in favor. Each committee member shall serve a term of one year, unless reappointed for additional terms.

- Brian Noonan, Chairperson
- Dave Guido
- Joe Johnson

General discussion about meeting notice requirements, committee meetings and scheduling regular meetings.

A motion was made by Frank to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m., seconded by Tom, all in favor.