



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY HELD ON MARCH 17, 2023, AT 12PM

Members Present: Gregory Gaeta, Joseph Johnson, Dave Guido, Frank Duross

Also Present: Andrew Dean, Attorney

Excused: Brian Noonan, Tom Keeler

Authority Business:

Gregory Gaeta calls the meeting to order at 12PM.

Introduction of new Oneida County Attorney, Andrew Dean.

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

Park Outdoor Advertising lease decision made by CE, was executed November 2023. Terms annual rent of \$12,400 with 10% increase after 10 years.

New York State Sales Tax exempt status has been granted, November 2022, thanks to Tom Keeler.

Separate Stop DWI funds - no update as this is Tom's project.

Chris Drought, Oneida County Buildings and Grounds Superintendent will be the new main point of contact with the County.

Security update, we are still waiting for the County to install the single camera that we agreed to test out over the winter. Joe to follow up with IT department.

Replacement of the concession roof was approved by the County and will be handled by Buildings and Grounds.

Parking lot lights in the process of being repaired. During the process it was discovered that Faxton is responsible for the cost of the lights and the entrance is the panel right next to the main entrance to the parking lot off Sunset Ave.

Staffing update, Dick Meiss will be back in early April and Bob Cunningham is already approved to work by Buildings and Grounds. Discussion of finding some eligible College Corps kids to supplement staff. Frank Duross to pursue with MVCC for potential candidates (not just limited to baseball or athletes but any students).

PARIS filing being currently being worked on. Discussion about who reviews it before filing. General recommendation is that more (Chairman & Attorney) or the entire board should review. Along with this some items of the website need to be updated. Greg will review and submit changes as needed.

Upcoming projects are not many until we get into the field. On the list is replacing the batting shell and home plate area improvement.

Opening day scheduled for March 25th, which will be delayed since the last storm will set that back.

We were contacted by Travel Baseball Rankings to host a tournament in August. Greg responded but never heard anything more.

A motion was made by Joe to enter executive session at 12:45, seconded by Frank, all in favor.

A motion was made by Frank to end executive session at 1:00, seconded by Joe, all in favor.

General discussion related to the joint grant request from Oneida County and the PGCBL. The purpose of the discussion was to rank projects in order of importance. Currently there is no indication that any grant is being awarded.

A motion was made by Dave to adjourn the meeting at 1:14, seconded by Joe, all in favor.