



ONEIDA COUNTY SPORTS AUTHORITY

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPORTS FACILITY AUTHORITY HELD ON September 1, 2023, AT 12PM

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

Also Present:

Absent: Tom Keeler, Joanne Gerace, Andrew Dean, Attorney

Authority Business:

Greg calls the meeting to order at 12PM.

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

Update of previous items:

- The County DPW has completed the repair of all parking lot lights.
- The new speakers were installed (Greg with assistance from County) and Big Apple helped to configure to add improved safeguards.
- Batting shell has been received and assembled. The old needs to be auctioned.
- The bylaws have been amended; attorney needs to file to complete process.
- County concession roof replacement is still in the process of getting quotes to determine the best course of action.
- Website update issue has been resolved. Greg has contacted the County IT help desk and is able to successfully update the website as needed.

Update on operations:

- Added capability to irrigation system to be able to remotely control the system.
- 2023 saw the field host 13 fewer events that resulted in a slight 1% increase in revenues.
- Staffing outlook for 2024
 - College Corp kids did well, both expected to return and have a third interested.
 - Bob Cunningham has hinted that he will either not return or return in a lesser role. Bob handled most of the cleaning duties. We will need to get assistance from the County to cover this.
 - Dick Meiss is planning to return but 2024 may be his last year.

A motion was made by Brian to accept the lowest gutter quote for 6-inch gutters for the old clubhouse once all parties submit revised quotes after being provided guidance, seconded by Frank, all in favor.

Discussed unapproved usage of batting cages, need to defer discussion to attorney.

General discussion about the relocation of the press box resulted in trying to find out if the press box can be built on the top of the grandstand.

The need to improve the infield drainage was discussed and a motion was made by Joe to pursue replacing all infield drainage before the end of the season, seconded by Frank, all in favor.

Greg had contacted Wadas Foundation about the possibility of receiving grants but found out that we do not qualify as there are not enough events for high school and younger aged kids.

A motion was made by Frank to approve the issuance of a debit card to the Chairman for purpose of small purchases within the guidance of the procurement policy after attorney makes the necessary updates to the procurement policy, seconded by Joe, all in favor.

At the next meeting before year end, we will conduct all committee meetings and discuss setting up regularly scheduled meetings for 2024.

A motion was made by Frank to adjourn the meeting at 1:01, seconded by Brian, all in favor.