

**City Of Oneida**

**Monthly Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date and Time

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2024

Time of Meeting: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location

Location of Meeting: Parks & Recreation Building

217 Cedar St

Oneida, NY 13421

Meeting Attendees

Present at Meeting: Parks & Recreation:

Luke Griff - Director

Mary Parker - Account Clerk

Rec Commission:

Mark Flynn

Colleen Samura

Lisa Coakley

Jennifer Nellis

Diane Farina (Remote)

Student Liaison:

Absent from Meeting: Parks & Recreation:

Justin Acker

Recreation Commission:

Jack Cavallo

Nicole Rossi

Student Liaison:

Tori Nellis (Unable to Attend)

Ryan Lusher (New Student Liaison)

The regular meeting of the Recreation Commission of the City Of Oneida was called to order at 6:40 PM on January 10, 2024 at Parks And Recreation Building by Luke Griff.

### **I. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and approved.

### **II. Review of Previous Minutes – N/A**

### **III. Introductions**

All present and aware of all in attendance, no new introductions.

Decided to collect telephone numbers from each member to send text reminders for meetings so we will hopefully have more response than we get from email. I will still email meeting minutes once complete after each meeting.

### **IV. Consideration of New Business**

#### **1. What is the Recreation Commission?**

Brief description of Rec Commission and what its responsibilities and terms are.

There shall be a Recreation Commission, which shall act in an advisory capacity to the Recreation and Youth services Department and shall make recommendations concerning the recreation and youth programs. The Commission shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council for terms of three years. Terms shall be staggered so that not more than four nor fewer than three shall expire in any one year. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. There should be at least two student liaisons who at the time of their appointment shall have attained at least the age of 16 years. At the last meeting in December of each municipal year, the members shall elect one of its members as Chairman and one as Vice Chairman, whose terms will begin in January of the next municipal year.

#### **2. Vote on New Chairman and New Vice Chairman**

Chairman – Lisa Coakley

Vice Chairman – Diane Farina

#### **3. Department Updates**

Discussion on City Manager

Discussion on 2024 Budget - changes from mayor and by council.

Things included or asked for in new budget:

Park Program – denied (Salaries for 6 Week summer program to much to approve program, Allen Park basketball and tennis courts resurfacing - Approved, One additional Full Time Maintenance person – Not approved, DRI Projects – Soccer Fields and Improvements to Vets Field.

Discussed DRI in depth once again and how it works and our waiting for approvals to come back, we have picked consultant for projects so we are good on our end, etc..... Discussion on Budget, what was cut, how we can try to still do some of the things that were cut if Rec Commission can do events to raise money, write grants, or recruit donations. More discussion on DRI in which Luke went into depth about the steps involved in each thing that was approved and time frame still quite a while out before we will see some things finally happening. Discussion on Rail Trail

Oneida Improvement Committee received money from Gormon and Oneida Savings Bank and some of their own, City will cover the rest to stone dust more areas on trail.

4. Rentals – on pace to hold more than ever before!
5. Programs Started – MUNY, CO-ED Volleyball, Youth Basketball – Hoop Monsters and Skills and Drills, KODA, Wolfpack, After school program.
6. Members Discussion - Questions And Answers  
Promoting all events and happenings at Rec Center or affiliated Parks, etc.  
Advertising for other/all events and promotions for all  
Next event to need help with volunteering from the commission will be the Easter Egg Hunt. No date at this time.

#### **V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Parks & Recreation Building, 217 Cedar St., Oneida, New York 13421

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Minutes submitted by: Mary Parker

Minutes approved by: Luke Griff