

**ONEONTA, NEW YORK – AUGUST 5, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PG. 1**

**PRESENT:** Chair Tim Catella  
Commissioner Gary Dilello  
Commissioner Stephen Pindar  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Cynthia McCarthy  
Commissioner Geoff Davis  
Council Member David Rissberger

Chair Catella called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Chair Catella congratulated Commissioner Pindar, Gary Laing and the Oneonta Outlaws team for a well-orchestrated championship season.

**PETITIONERS**

Girl Scout 30-728 Troop Leader Ruth Serafin introduced her troop, which is working on a Bronze Award project to raise flood recovery funds for the Susquehanna SPCA. Members of the troop explained the need for assistance and described their proposal for a Pets Day Out to take place at Neahwa Park in and around the small pavilion on Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 9 am to 2 pm.

**MOTION**, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Pindar, that the Commission approve Pets Day Out as presented.

**Voting Ayes:** Chair Catella  
Commissioner Dilello  
Commissioner Pindar  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner McCarthy  
Commissioner Davis

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION**, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Pindar, that the commission adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the LA Group of Saratoga Springs, NY was retained to update the City of Oneonta's Parks Master Plan, originally completed in 1996, and  
WHEREAS, the focus of the update was on Neahwa Park/Catella Park and the Market Street entrance; and  
WHEREAS under the direction and oversight of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a number of site visits were made to review existing conditions, including built projects and planned improvements; and using available aerial photography, field review findings, as-built plans, and input from City records on master plan design changes and current design planning documents, the LA Group a revised and updated the Master Plan; and  
WHEREAS, that Updated Master Plan was submitted to the City of Oneonta Parks and Recreation Commission for review and comment, and thereafter was accepted by the Commission and referred to the Community Improvement Committee for further review for the benefit of the Common Council;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Oneonta Parks and Recreation Commission commends the Updated Master Plan to the Common Council for adoption as a planning tool and as a guide for future park development; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oneonta Parks and Recreation Commission requests that the Common Council support grant applications to implement aspects of the Updated Master Plan as appropriate.

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**Voting Ayes:** Chair Catella  
Commissioner Dilello  
Commissioner Pindar  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner McCarthy

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**, made by Commissioner Pindar and seconded by Chair Catella that the commission approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 3, 2013.

**Voting Ayes:** Chair Catella  
Commissioner Dilello  
Commissioner Pindar  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner McCarthy

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recreation Director's Report**

Mr. Andrews presented his Director's report. He noted that registration for summer recreation programs has been strong, with record highs in some categories. Adult softball was an especially challenging season and with all the rain we had 11 games to reschedule and the staff had to be creative to keep the season on target. The community gardens have been very successful with 21 of 24 plots being rented and positive feedback. July 4 in Neahwa Park went very smoothly, except for a power issue. The 56th Annual Fish Derby is Saturday, August 17 at 4pm at Hodges Pond. A new water fountain has been installed in upper Wilber large pavilion.

Mr. Andrews lauded the parks and recreation staff for making these successful programs possible. He also introduced Environmental Education intern Kyle Hoteling of the State College at Oneonta. At the start of his internship, he assisted with data entry for the summer youth program registration drive. His main project was how to incorporate environmental education into recreational park settings. Using games and activities kids gained an understanding of where animals and human belong in the food chain.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Catella read a letter from the father of John Scott, a scorekeeper at Damaschke Field, thanking the staff for John's positive experience.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the commission will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 7 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chair Catella adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

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DOUGLAS KENDALL, City Clerk

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