

**ONEONTA, NEW YORK – JUNE 3, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PG. 1**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gary Dilello

In the absence of City Clerk Koury, Chair Catella called the regular meeting to order and made note of who was in attendance.

**PETITIONERS**

Chair Catella recognized Stephanie Miller from Leilani's regarding her request for use of fields on Sept 27 and 28 for Oktoberfest. Commissioner Catella asked that both petitioners keep their presentations to 5 minutes.

Ms. Miller gave an overview of her event plans. The commissioners held an extensive discussion about the request. Commissioner Pindar stated he had spoken to Ms. Miller regarding use of Damaschke field and stated he would abstain from a vote on this matter. Commissioner Davis suggested moving the fall soccer field on field 5 to Neahwa park fields 1-3 for the entire fall season, this would accommodate the event and allow them to have the "kids zone" adjacent to Damaschke field. Director Andrews stated this would be a good option and he asked if Ms. Miller had looked at event insurance and costs of police and fire support. Council member Rissberger thought this request was a great idea and he and his wife have attended similar events elsewhere. He thought this should be forwarded to CIC for more discussion of event support.

**MOTION**, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the commission support the concept of Oktoberfest on September 27 and 28 in Damaschke field and field 5 in Neahwa Park, with additional fields and facilities to be coordinated by Director Andrews, if necessary.

**Voting Ayes:** Chair Catella  
Commissioner McCarthy  
Commissioner Davis

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Pindar

**Absent:** Commissioner Dilello

**MOTION CARRIED**

Council member Rissberger said he would get this on the CIC agenda and asked Ms. Miller could attend the meeting.

Chair Catella recognized Ryan Schuler regarding use of Wilber park playground area for a film project. Mr. Schuler gave a brief overview of his plans. The commission held a brief discussion about the project. Director Andrews felt this was an interesting project, but was concerned about park users, particularly pavilion renters and the possible conflict with the space. Commissioner Catella said he has similar concerns and felt the public especially pavilion renters should enjoy the use of public facilities without conflict. Mr. Schuler said he could accommodate his schedule around pavilion rentals. Commissioner Davis stated when he jogs in the park on weekend mornings that pavilion renters are usually not setting up until mid-morning around 10am. He thought if the filming could take place in the mornings that would not conflict with playground users. The commission held another brief discussion about scheduling this activity so that it would have a low impact on park users.

**MOTION**, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the commission approve the use of Wilber playgrounds and the surrounding areas on July 13, 14, 20, 21,

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PG. 2**

27, 28, and August 3, 4 from dawn until 10:00 a.m. for a film project, subject to application fee and insurance requirements being satisfied. Any additional request for times will be coordinated by Director Andrews.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the commission approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 6, 2013.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Catella stated that the LA Group will be presenting the final draft of the parks master plan at 6:00 p.m. on June 18, prior to the Common Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged the commissioners to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recreation Director's Report**

Director Andrews gave his directors report for May. He stated that he did not have any follow-up contact about a youth girls fast pitch league in the park for this coming summer. He continued his report stating that the adult basketball league had a new organizer and the league was starting the week of the meeting.

Chair Catella said the parks looked great and thanked director Andrews and his staff for their efforts.

Chair Catella wanted to recognize the impending departure of City Clerk Jim Koury and wished to extend thanks for his many years of service. The commission members all expressed their thanks and wished Jim good luck with all future endeavors.

Chair Catella asked if anyone had any objections to skipping the July meeting and making the next meeting in August. With no objections, Catella said the next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chair Catella adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

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