

YOUTH AND RECREATION

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – 6:40 p.m.
Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Forney, Vice Chairman McCall, Alderman Crawford, Alderman Robinson, and Alderman Anastasia. Others: Alderman Bennion; Alderman Keary; Mayor William Aiello; Frank Caputo, City Clerk; Bridget Marshall, City Attorney; Lens Martial, City Auditor; James Sprague, Director of Public Works; Eric Maurouard, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Forney called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (Tuesday, December 2, 2025)

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025 meeting was made by Alderman Forney, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Trees in Oak Hill Park

Director Sprague explained we now have a tree removal contractor under contract and they have started work. He explained our staff has visited Oak Hill Park with them and have reviewed the entire park. He explained we are putting together a final list of dead trees and will be mobilizing the contractor soon to get the trees out of there. He explained they did review the entire park and talked about trees that can be pruned rather than taken down. He explained he does not know if a recommendation came out of that conversation, but problematic trees will hopefully be removed soon. Alderman Robinson asked if the areas with the dead trees are coned off or anything, and Director Sprague explained there is no report of trees that they felt were in imminent danger of collapsing. Alderman Forney asked if tree removal needs to wait until spring and Director Sprague explained removal will occur through the winter. He explained it is actually an advantage to do this during the winter when the ground is frozen as it is easier to drive trucks on the frozen ground. He explained this is the same with Franchot Park. Alderman McCall explained she wants to ensure in the future that when trees come down, we replant them where we can. Alderman Forney explained this should be brought up during budget conversations, and we should look at either a line item or funds in a line item for the purchase of new trees. Alderman

Robinson recommended looking for people who would like to donate trees as well. Alderman Forney explained we can revisit this in a couple of months, and updates can be shared via email.

4. New Referrals for Consideration

None

5. Committee Reports

None

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Forney, seconded by Alderman McCall. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.