



City of Rhinelanders

Office of the Interim City Administrator

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Chairman Bob Mott - Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
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RE: Oneida County Fair

Gentlemen,

On November 27th the City of Rhinelanders' Parks, Buildings and Grounds Committee met and discussed the Oneida County Fair that is held at Pioneer Park. The committee voted unanimously that they did not want to see an admission charge at the Oneida County Fair.

Approximately a year and a half ago the City approached the County looking for a long-term commitment from the County for the fair to continue to be at Pioneer Park. Minutes from May 9, 2016 of the Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee reflected discussion concerning the fair.

The City is aware that the County wishes the fair to be self-sustaining and there were questions concerning funding of the fair by the County during the current budget discussions.

The City is interested in keeping the fair at Pioneer Park. The City has invested tens of thousands of dollars in electrical as well as other improvements to service the fair. The City is looking for at least a five-year commitment from the County that the fair will remain in Pioneer Park before the City continues to invest tens of thousands of more dollars for needed structural improvements that are basically only used by the fair.



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Each year the City invests thousands of dollars for employee time to get the park ready for the fair. The City is not requesting a financial contribution from the County but is requesting that there be a semi-long-term commitment of at least 5 years that the Oneida County Fair will remain at Pioneer Park and have some participation of County funding for the fair.

If appropriate can you see that this is placed on the agenda and advise so that a representative can attend that committee meeting. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Keith Kost, Interim City Administrator
City of Rhinelanders

Cc:

Bill Freudenberg – Oneida County Fair Committee Vice President
Sherrie Belliveau – Chairperson Parks, Buildings and Grounds Committee