



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2021 DEBRA CODY, CHAIRMAN

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Tassone, Ms. Kuhn, Mr. Bush, Ms. Ervin

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Dr. Kelly; Mr. Kelley, Ms. Velasko, Mr. Ockenden, Ms. Primo, Ms. McNamara, Ms. Lesniak, Mr. DeSantis, Ms. Vilardi

Chairman Cody called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. *A motion was made by Ms. Kuhn, seconded by Mr. Bush to approve the minutes and waive the reading of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

### 1. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

- a. Naming the Veterans Memorial Chapel Located at 4069 Howlett Hill Rd, Syracuse, in Honor of Gordon “Gordie” Lane, a Life Long Resident of Onondaga County, 20 Year Retiree of the Syracuse Police Department and Combat Veteran of the United States Marine Corps

Mr. Kelly:

- Naming the new chapel after Gordie Lane – he was a driving force for Veterans – true advocate and passionate – Gordie will be missed by many, however, his name will be on the chapel for years to come

Ms. Cody:

- What a great thing – very moving on Memorial Day as his wife accepted the presentation

*A motion was made by Mr. Bush, seconded by Ms. Kuhn to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED*

Mr. Bush:

- Memorial Day Service was very respectful despite limited time for preparation – all involved deserve a lot of credit and praise for getting it done - happy with the large turnout in attendance
- Where do we stand now with employees

Mr. Kelly

- All appreciation goes to Eric and his staff
- Three employees at the Cemetery – usually take three employees to cover a burial – burying on Tuesday to Thursday – allows time for upkeep of grounds on Monday and Friday
- Resource sharing within parks – have 71 full time employees – another 100 part time – every park and building is open – could always do more with more employees
- Pre COVID – still working with austerity – able to get some employees back – County Executive has been great to get us resources – all pre COVID full time employees have been called back

Mr. Stanczyk:

- A lot of Park departments contributed – discouraging to get phone calls with negative complaints – offsets all the positive comments - started 24 years ago there were seven employees at the Hatchery – now there are two – figure out how to do things more efficiently and prioritize

- Answered Ms. Kuhn’s question regarding difficulty for families coming in from out of town to do the Tuesday thru Thursday burial – cross training so others can pick up the slack
- Answered Ms. Cody’s question regarding summer internships – have them but less than prior years because of less demand

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MELANIE VILARDI, Deputy Clerk  
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### ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES

DATE: June 8, 2021

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
YVETTE LAY	LAW
RYAN OCKENDEN	Law
Cody Kelly	Leg
Darcie Lesniak	Leg
MB Primo	CE
Brian Kelley	Parks
Jamie McNamara	City Leg
Darcie Lesniak	
John Defertic	