



Quality of Life (QOL) Committee

FY 2019 3rd Quarter Report (April – June 2019)

PURPOSE

The Quality of Life Committee is a standing committee of the Oneida Business Committee that has oversight responsibility of the following areas of the Tribe: Language and Culture, Health, Human Services and Public Safety. This oversight responsibility also extends to any board, committee, or commission related to these specific areas.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilman Brandon Stevens, Quality of Life Committee Chair
Councilman Ernest Stevens III, Quality of Life Committee Vice Chair
Councilman Daniel Guzman-King, Quality of Life Committee Member
Councilman Kirby Metoxen, Quality of Life Committee Member
Councilman Tehassi Hill, Quality of Life Committee Member

Other partners include: Wellness Council, Oneida Police Department, Division Directors, other senior leaders and their staff

MEETINGS

Quality of Life Committee meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month starting at 8:30 a.m. Meetings in the 3rd quarter were held in April, May, and June.

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

1. 7G Youth Sports Initiative

Last quarter, the Quality of Life Committee (QOL) met with representatives from 7G Foundation on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which forms a partnership between the 7G Foundation and the Oneida Nation. The purpose of the MOU is to “work together to develop a Tribal Youth Initiative for the benefit of ONEIDA tribal youth which shall be organized and served by the 7G Foundation.”

The next steps would be for Quality of Life Vice-Chair Ernie Stevens III to work with 7G to develop the Tribal Youth Initiative, including a detailed proposal with a budget to be presented to the Tribal Council for consideration and approval.

2. Environmental Issues

Members from the QoL met with Environmental on a “Rights of Nature” Resolution. Tribes

around the nation have been recognizing Rights of Nature and QoL is working to update our Environmental Policy.

3. Tribal Action Plan (TAP)

Two new TAP positions asked for as part of the FY2020 Budget process have been approved to advance to the next level of the budget process. Positions include TAP Program Manager and TAP Coordinator.

TAP relocated to Cultural Heritage Cottage for easier collaboration with Cultural Heritage staff on the cultural relevant aspects of TAP.

GSD Director and Cultural Heritage Area Manager will continue to collaborate on the next steps of the transition.

4. Wellness Council

Working on increasing engagement with physical activity, a mental health fair, and a Wellness Summit for FY2020.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to accept the Quality of Life Committee FY2019 3rd Quarter Report.