

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT (O&M)

DATE: APRIL 29, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MERLINO
STROUGH
HOGAN

VOTING MEMBERS:
DAVID HARRINGTON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, VILLAGE OF
LAKE GEORGE

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DICKINSON
FRASIER

MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
GERAGHTY
HYDE
MAGOWAN
SOKOL

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 29, 2019 meeting of the Park Operations & Management Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/om/>

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations & Management (O&M) Committee to order at 12:36 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the agenda were distributed to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, who reminded the Committee of discussion held during their March 1st meeting regarding offering reduced fees to not-for-profit organizations for events held at the Charles R. Wood Park. He apprised that after this meeting he had a discussion with Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *County Attorney*, who advised this was not legal as the same rates had to be offered to all groups. Mr. Merlino asked what the reason for this and Ms. Kissane replied offering a reduced rate to select groups would be considered an impermissible gift.

Continuing with the Information for Discussion portion of the agenda, Mr. Hajos spoke about the Grand Opening event for the Charles R. Wood Park which would be held on May 29th at 11:00 a.m.; he noted the Village had already sent invitations to all members of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hajos apprised of his discussion with Mayor Blais regarding the cost of the event which was estimated to be \$6,600 and would be split evenly between the Village of Lake George, Warren County and the Three E's (*Environmental Groups - The Fund for Lake George, The Lake George*

Association and the Lake George Land Conservancy). Mr. Hajos then requested to authorize a one-time payment to the Village of Lake George for the County's share of the event cost which was \$1,320 and was available within the existing budget.

Motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to David Harrington, *Village of Lake George Superintendent of Public Works*, who apprised on June 16th a Law Enforcement Officer event had been booked for a 3K Color Run at the Festival Space from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and inquired if there was a half day fee or hourly rate available. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the rate, during which it was suggested that a morning rate of \$500 be established for use of the Park between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with preference being given to those events seeking to book the space for a full day.

A motion was made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to amend the usage rates for the Charles R. Wood Park Festival Space to include a morning rate of \$500 for use between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17th Board meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Park Operations & Management (O&M) Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Ms. Hogan, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 12:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board