

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: PARK O&M**

**DATE: MAY 19, 2020**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS MERLINO  
DICKINSON  
FRASIER  
MAGOWAN  
HOGAN (ALTERNATE)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

VOTING MEMBER:

ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR, VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE  
KEVIN HAJOS, WARREN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
FRANK THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
BRAYMER  
BRUNO  
DRISCOLL  
LEGGETT  
MCDEVITT  
SEEBER  
SIMPSON  
STROUGH  
WILD  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER  
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 19, 2020 meeting of the Park Operations & Management (O&M) Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/om/>*

*Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All committee members participated by video or teleconference, aside from Committee Chairman Merlino who was physically present.*

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations and Management (O&M) Committee to order at 11:09 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were to distributed to those present; those participating remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. *A copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, advised there were no Action Agenda/New Business items to address, and he said he had no update to provide on the Referral/Pending Item pertaining to the deteriorating wall at the Tiki Resort. Moving on to the Information for Discussion/Review items,

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Mr. Hajos provided an update on the contract for turf management for the Charles R. Wood Park, advising he had spoken with the contractor and it was determined some of the work slated may not occur based on whether the revenue projections continued to decrease, or if the facility was not used.

Privilege of the Floor was extended to Robert Blais, *Mayor, Village of Lake George*, who reviewed the remaining agenda items, outlining the applications he had received for use of the Festival Space at the Wood Park, those being from Americade, which had changed their dates from June to July 17-27, and the Lake George Music Festival which was proposing to convert their usual two-week festival into a three day festival on August 20-23. He continued that he had received requests for certain “drive-in” style events (including music performances and some church services) which would allow for social distancing by attendees remaining in their vehicles and listening through a local AM radio station. He indicated no food would be sold at these events and attendees would only leave their vehicles to use the restrooms which would be staffed by an attendant to limit occupancy and ensure social distancing. He added that if the Committee was in favor of this type of drive-in event, it was likely that more applications for similar style events would be received.

A discussion ensued, following which a motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve use of the Wood Park for drive-in style events.

Next Mayor Blais noted that regardless of the current pandemic, the Village was very busy and he suggested that the County re-install the parking meters at the West Brook Parking Lot to benefit from this activity. He also questioned whether the Wood Park, which was currently closed, should be re-opened. A discussion ensued, following which it was determined that the West Brook Parking Lot could be re-opened and the parking meters re-installed, but the Park would remain closed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board