

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK O&M

DATE: JUNE 23, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MERLINO
DICKINSON
HOGAN (ALTERNATE)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
MAGOWAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBER:
ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR, VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
KEVIN HAJOS, WARREN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LEISA GRANT, TOURISM PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK
FRANK THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISOR STROUGH
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 23, 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 1:41 p.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were 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.*

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

Privilege of the floor was extended to Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, who presented a request to appropriate funds in the amount of \$901.30 from Budget Code A.691.07, *Deferred Revenue - Gaslight Village Parking Fees*, to Budget Code A.1625 413, *Charles R. Wood Park, Repair and Maint-Bldg/Property*, and authorize reimbursement to the Village of Lake George for expenses related to Charles R. Wood Park gas and May parking attendants expenses.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on, Mr. Hajos addressed the Referral/Pending Items portion of the agenda, as follows:

- 1) Mr. Hajos apprised in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, a meeting had not taken place with the three environmental groups in regards to a funding source for the deteriorating retention wall between the Charles R. Wood Park and the Tiki Resort. Mr. Dickinson stated the Fund for Lake George was interested in

participating in a treatment solution. Mr. Hajos stated in late August or early September his crews would be in the area to assess the issue.

- 2) Mr. Hajos apprised hand sanitizing stations for the Wood Park were unavailable due to high demand. He indicated that as an alternative, his staff was building and would be installing stations to hold the gallon jugs of hand sanitizer provided by the State.

Continuing to the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, Mr. Hajos apprised the Lake George Music Festival had been preparing to hold a drive-in series of concerts to allow for distancing regulations in July or August, but this had been postponed until September. Leisa Grant, *Principal Account Clerk*, apprised the application for use of the Park was received by the Tourism Department and the dates for the event were September 19 & 20.

Mr. Hajos apprised the Charles R. Wood Park remained closed and asked the Committee for input on opening the Park once the hand sanitizer stations were in place, as he was unable to staff the site for sanitization of the play area equipment. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, advised without enforcing daily sanitation of the play equipment the County would not be in compliance of the Governor's orders. A brief discussion ensued in regards to opening the play area and skate park portions of the Wood Park, but the consensus was for those areas to remain temporarily closed. Mayor Blais provided an update on upcoming events, informing Proctors Theater had booked drive-in concerts on Thursday evenings throughout the Summer from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with a music theme to movies. He continued, noting the Lake George Music Festival had moved their event to September 18, 19 & 20, in place of the Adirondack Balloon Festival, and he noted that the Park was booked solid for September. Mayor Blais apprised he would be meeting with a craft show vendor from Vermont regarding booking a craft show in August, as well as Froggy Radio Station for a "Safely Come Together" musical event on August 21-22. He said he had met with the organizers of the Adirondack Nationals Car Show, which they were hopeful would occur as scheduled. A brief discussion ensued in regards to future guidelines regarding event gatherings. Mr. Moore commended Mayor Blais for working closely with the County to follow the State guidelines and ensure new COVID-19 cases would not develop as the area re-opened. Mayor Blais stated last weekend figures exceeded the previous year for occupancy and parking meters.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board
As transcribed by Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board