

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK O&M

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MERLINO
DICKINSON
FRASIER
MAGOWAN
HOGAN (ALTERNATE)

OTHERS PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBERS:
ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
KEVIN HAJOS, WARREN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM
FRANK THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRUNO
SIMPSON
STROUGH
WILD
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
TOSHA BROWNELL, COMPUTER HELP DESK TECHNICIAN
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 20, 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 Supervisors Merlino and Magowan, who were physically present.

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations and Management (O&M) Committee to order at 12:10 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. Magowan, seconded by Mrs. Frasier 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 Mayor Blais who indicated he had received an application from “Events to a T” for use of the Festival Commons to hold a walk-through Christmas lighting display, similar to the drive-through lighting display events held in Albany, NY. He advised sixteen businesses and municipalities had already committed to creating displays for the event which would be held on Friday and Saturday evenings starting the weekend after Thanksgiving and continuing through December; he added that the required safety plan had been submitted and approved for the event. He mentioned the light displays would be accompanied by holiday music,

both recorded and live, and the admission fee would be \$5 per person. Mayor Blais said profits from the event would be donated to Operation Santa Claus. He apprised the event would include awards for the best municipality display and for the best commercial business display. Mayor Blais concluded that rather than charging the already reduced rate of \$750 per night, he would suggest a reduced fee of \$500 per day, as there were no other applicants seeking use of the property for this time period.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to authorize a reduced fee of \$500 per day to “Events to a T” for use of the Wood Park during their holiday light display event and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Kevin Hajos, *Warren County Superintendent of Public Works*, who addressed the Referral/Pending Items portion of the agenda, advising the drainage and run off issue impacting the deteriorating wall at the Tiki Resort was between the low point on Route 9 and the Tiki Resort parking lot. He said his department was in the process of calculating the cost for a solution to this problem and when the quote was available he would share it with the owner of the Tiki Resort; he added that if the owner was not receptive to funding the work in advance, he would suggest the County and Village of Lake George perform the necessary work and then try to recoup the costs from the property owner with the help of the County Attorney’s Office. Mr. Dickinson stated the property owner had options to handle the run off water, however, he was interested in whether the environmental groups would contribute to the project monetarily; he said he believed the owner should contribute as well, but he suggested taking this approach. Mr. Hajos said he agreed with Mr. Dickinson and would try to design the fix at a minimal cost to the Tiki Resort owner and if there were other funds available he suggested taking advantage of those as well. He apprised he would have an idea of the cost involved and would be able to present on this at the next Committee meeting, following which he would suggest a meeting with the Fund for Lake George, the Lake George Association, the Town of Lake George and the Tiki Resort owner for a discussion to formulate a solution.

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 12:24 p.m.

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