

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT (O & M)

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2020

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MERLINO  
DICKINSON  
FRASIER  
MAGOWAN

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: HOGAN (ALTERNATE)

OTHERS PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBER:

ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE  
KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS

LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK  
FRANK E. 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 BEATY  
BRAYMER  
BRUNO  
SEEBER  
STROUGH  
WILD

CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DECK TECHNICIAN  
JIM SIPLON, INTERM PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION  
LORI BARBER, VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE ASSESSOR  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 24, 2020 meeting of the Park (O&M) Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*

***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 of the Committee members in attendance participated via video or teleconference except for Supervisors Merlino and Magowan who were physically present.***

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park (O&M) Committee to order at 12:53 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Park O & M agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, who indicated there were no Action Items on his agenda today and he commenced his agenda review with the Discussion Item pertaining to the funding shortfall for 2020, explaining that because the majority of the events scheduled to be held at the Charles R. Wood Park in 2020 had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was not enough funding on hand to cover the expenses for maintaining the Park. A discussion ensued during which Mr. Hajos explained a portion of the funding shortage was caused by a deficit carried over from 2019. It was also noted there was not enough occupancy tax funding available to assist with the shortage. Mr. Hajos indicated the estimated shortage was \$23,000, but the figure could be a bit higher as this did not account for the Board's recent decision to further reduce the daily use fee for the upcoming Christmas light show planned for the Park.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously to approve a transfer of funds in an amount to be determined from the Contingent account to cover the deficit in funding needed to cover the cost of maintenance at the Charles R. Wood Park and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Subsequent to the meeting Mr. Hajos provided a transfer of funds request in the amount of \$26,277, a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Hajos informed there was no update on the deteriorating wall at the Tiki Resort. He added the Fund for Lake George looked into where rain water traveled on the property, and had advised it seemed to come down Route 9. He informed they mapped out the catch basin and the water traveled elsewhere, informing the catch basin in rear of the building was clogged with material. He advised they were going to present a cost to fix the wall to the owner of the Tiki Resort.

Mr. Merlino asked if there were any public comments and Don Lehman, *Director of Public Affairs*, replied in the negative.

As there was no further business to come before the Park Operations & Management Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan and seconded by Mrs. Frasier, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist