

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK O&M

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MERLINO
MAGOWAN
GERAGHTY
HOGAN (ALTERNATE)

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DICKINSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBERS:

ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM
RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
BRUNO
FRASIER
WILD
LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
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 February 23, 2021 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/mma>

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". Supervisors Merlino and Magowan were physically present, while Supervisors Geraghty and Hogan participated remotely.

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations and Management (O&M) Committee to order at 11:00 a.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 Mr. Geraghty 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 apprised Turf Management maintained the grass at the Charles R. Wood Park which was a special type of turf grass and they had done phenomenal work in the past. He notified the Committee there was a proposal for \$1,800 worth of fertilizing throughout the year of which the first application would not be until May 15th, he added no action was necessary today, but it would be brought back at a future meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mayor Blais who indicated he had received four applications as follows:

- a. ESTRA Tow Show June 4 - 6, 2021;
- b. Adirondack Independence Music Festival September 3 - 5, 2021;
- c. Lake George Free to Breathe Walk October 16, 2021; and
- d. Americade Motorcycle Rally set up on September 19th, show September 21 - 25 with break down on September 25 - 27.

Mayor Blais apprised the Village Board had approved all of the applications, with the exception of the Americade, who had submitted the application with a reduced festival fee. He said they were asked to resubmit the application with the full rate, as there had been no decision on a reduced rate and they were in receipt of the resubmission, but the dates had been approved for the event.

Continuing with the Referral/Pending Items portion of the agenda, Mr. Hajos advised he and Mr. Dickinson would inspect the Tiki Resort property and speak to the owner once the weather was better to resolve the issue of the deteriorating wall.

Mayor Blais apprised he was working with more new events than he had in the past, stating there were three car shows, a new touring BBQ competition, a national craft show and two other vendor events, as well as a potential ice castle next winter. He said the new events had concerns whether occupancy tax awards would be available and if not, whether there would be a reduced event fee. He apprised there was potential for some of the larger events, such as the wine show, the truck show and the car show to cancel if occupancy tax awards were not the same, as or close to what they had received in the past, unless there was a reduction in the festival space fee. Mr. Merlino replied that would need to be discussed at a later date once they had a better idea as to what the occupancy tax collections were, as a reduced fee would be hard to accommodate due to the maintenance cost of the space.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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

JOINT PARK O&M COMMITTEE MEETING
O&M AGENDA
February 23, 2021

Committee Members: *Merlino*, Dickinson, Magowan, and Geraghty – *Alternate County Member - Hogan*

I. Committee Meeting Call to Order by Chair

II. Approval of Minutes of prior Committee Meeting

III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:

IV. Discussion Items:

1. Events for 2021
 - a. ESTRA Tow Show
 - b. Adirondack Independence Music Festival
 - c. Americade Motorcycle Rally
 - d. 2021 Lake George Free to Breathe Walk

V. Referral/Pending Items:

1. Deteriorating wall at Tiki Resort - Public Works staff, Warren County Soil & Water and environmental groups to be in area next week to discuss issue of deteriorating wall and to formulate a solution. (09.22.20) Update: Mr. Hajos advised his department was in the process of calculating the costs for a solution to this problem and when the quote was available he would present 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. (10.20.20)Update: Mr. Hajos advised a plan would be available in the Spring and Mr. Dickinson advised he would participate in those discussions.(01.20.21)

VI. Privilege of the floor and public comment ((please allow for 15 second delay on live stream meetings))

VII. Motion to Adjourn

Attachments: None