

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK O&M

DATE: AUGUST 23, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MERLINO
MAGOWAN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON
HOGAN
FRASIER (ALTERNATE)

OTHERS PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBERS:

ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
KEITH LANFEAR, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, VILLAGE
OF LAKE GEORGE
KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM
KYLE STANDIFIRD, CEO, ICE CASTLES, LLC
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR CRAIG LEGGETT, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL (ZOOM)
GERACI (ZOOM)
MCDEVITT
STROUGH
WILD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
BETH GILLES, DIRECTOR, LAKE CHAMPLAIN - LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL
PLANNING BOARD
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 23, 2022 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: Pursuant to New York State Legislation (S.50001/A.40001): “Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize 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 in attendance were physically present.

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations and Management (O&M) Committee to order at 11:47 a.m. (Please note due to a lack of Committee member attendance, Chairman Geraghty served to make a quorum of the Committee).

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those present; those participating virtually 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 Chairman Geraghty and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Hogan and Mrs. Frasier absent) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee

meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the agenda review, the Discussion Items were addressed as follows:

- Ice Castles Request - Electrical Upgrades and Waterline Upgrades - Committee discussed the request from Ice Castles for electrical and water line upgrades with input from Kyle Standifird, *CEO, Ice Castles, LLC*, who indicated Ice Castles may be willing to fund all or a portion of the upgrade costs in consideration of future allowances in revenue retention from their events, based on the amounts of the final quotes for the work. It was determined that a bid process would be necessary for the waterline upgrades, while the electrical upgrades could be completed under existing contracts already in place.

Chairman Geraghty exited the meeting at 12:02 p.m. at which time there was no longer a quorum until he re-entered the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Chairman Geraghty and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Hogan and Mrs. Frasier absent*) to authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for waterline upgrades at Charles R. Wood Park and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 16th Board meeting.

- Update on 2022 events - Update on 2022 events was provided by Mayor Blais who indicated 2022 had been their best year to date with 15 events and an admittance of 110,000, 80,000 of which from the Ice Castles event. All events would be returning to Wood Park in 2023, with the exception of Americade which had changed their event date to one week earlier creating a scheduling conflict and necessitating that they be moved to another area of the Village.
- New events for 2023 - Mayor Blais informed of three new events scheduled for 2023: Food Wagon Championship; a Star Trek event; and a Legos Show.

Speaking to the fee schedule for use of Wood Park, Mayor Blais proposed a change from the \$1,000 deposit for events to a deposit equal to the first days use fee which would be non-refundable. He indicated he would present his ideas for this in writing at the next meeting.

- Current balance in Wood Park account - Committee was advised \$94,000 had been received for 2021, but there were still unpaid expenses to be considered and any remaining revenues would go into the deferred revenue fund.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Chairman Geraghty and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Hogan and Mrs. Frasier absent*), Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist
As transcribed by Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board