

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT (O&M)

DATE: APRIL 20, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MERLINO
DICKINSON
WOOD
FRASIER

OTHERS PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBER:
DAVID HARRINGTON, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
KEVIN GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CONOVER
LEGGET
MACDONALD
MCDEVITT
MONTESI
SEEBER
SIMPSON
SOKOL
STROUGH
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK
CYNTHIA SCHROCK SEELEY, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER/CHIEF
LEGAL COUNSEL
MAUREEN SCHMIDT, COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
BILL LAMY, PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBER
JULIE MONTERO, FISCAL MANAGER, SOCIAL SERVICES
FRED AUSTIN, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT
CHRIS HUNSINGER, DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
ADMINISTRATION/ONE STOP CAREER CENTER
SHARON SANO, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION/
ONE STOP CAREER CENTER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 20, 2016 meeting of the Park Operations & Management Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/om/>

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations & Management (O&M) to order at 11:19 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, 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 Leisa Grant, Principal Account Clerk, who advised that the website for the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park was no longer being updated or maintained. She stated that the

Chamber had previously been responsible for a period of one year to maintain and monitor it; however, she noted, this had since expired. She advised that a decision on who would maintain the site needed to be made at the next meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to David Harrington, Superintendent of Public Works, Village of Lake George, who stated he had been asked about the Festival Commons being used for birthday parties and an elaborate party with bounce houses or ponies. Mr. Harrington spoke about the need to address fees and private party uses. Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent for the Department of Public Works, stated currently the hatchery was rented for similar purposes. He explained that a modest fee was charged for this purpose although exclusive use for Festival Commons needed to be discussed next month.

Moving along, Mr. Merlino advised of the need for an executive session and he asked Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, to state the purpose of such. Mr. Reichenbach announced an executive session was necessary to discuss potential litigation threatened by VMJR.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officer's Law.

Executive session was held from 11:24 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Supervisors Conover and Simpson entered the meeting during executive session.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Merlino announced that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Mr. Dickinson apprised of an issue on a bank near the Fort William Henry where a telephone pole was in the advanced stages of falling into the Festival area, and showed a picture of the pole. Mr. Dickinson proposed action to support Mayor Blais efforts to get the pole replaced.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to authorize a letter of support for replacement of the telephone pole.

There being no further business to come before the Park Operations & Management Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Frasier, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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