Parks and Events Board Report

For May 18, 2021

Facility Rates:

Seneca Lake Events Center – capacity 250 chairs only, 180 with tables Clute Park Community Center – capacity 600 Clute Park Pavilion – capacity 150 Lafayette Park – capacity 25 on bandstand See attachment for the 2021-2022 rates – approval needed voting items

Hiring Updates:

Campground Staff – Please approve Elizabeth Woods July start – *approval needed voting items*

Parking Ticket/Boat Launch Staff – posted, one person in place – approval needed Jamie de Long, 2 more required w/float of maintenance (Mason) during lunch Lifeguard Staff – 5 required - 1 interested in returning, call into Watkins Glen HS for students – hire dates normally June 12th to Aug 15th

Budget Updates:

Park Campground receipts were tremendous – increased budget for FY 2022 Park Maintenance Staff well under budget Projections were set with Rhonda - rentals, parking, ice skating program Inventory of equipment and assets

Seasonal Calendar:

Aug 15th – Beach Closes – Lifeguards return to college October 12 - Splash Pad Ends Oct 12 – Campground Closes Nov 12 – Ice Rink Opens - Class Rink Sessions – School Groups Oct 29 – 30 – Boo on the Lake – Haunted House Nov 22 – 27 – Grand Friends Week Nov 25th – Thanksgiving Day Dec 3 – Wine and Shop – no children Dec 3 and 4 – Holiday Fair Mar 20 – Ice Rink Closes Apr 15 – May 22 – Wedding rentals begins May 6, 2022 – Clute Park Camp Ground - Opens

Concerns and Celebrations:

July 3 and 4 – Fireworks – many are asking for a community gathering

Campground – 2 to 3 complaints around CC line due to Cargill construction – wanting compensation, watching this for now no compensation requested Signage needs to be updated – branding with LaBella overlap Trees needed and master plan of the park's layout Concern over two run-off water areas vs. high lake at this time

Seneca Lake Events Center:

Electrical walk through complete Splash pad poured Ice-Rink Set up late October, early November Café Set up and kitchen equipment research and ordering has begun Insurance Discussions have begun around liability and waivers Phone and Internet review

Campground Office and Maintenance:

Campground Office painted and rearranged Major events cancelling causes changes in reservations Efficiency analysis has begun Training on Astra Campground Manager Park maintenance of volleyball, tree removal and replacement, landscaping plan Cargill equipment in boat launch area-boat parking problems Documenting the needs of the spaces 9 Planters are filled and painted Michelle Hyde – training

Programming within Centers:

Yoga in the Parks: Dragonfly Soul Craft – 5/24 Thurs and Saturdays 7 to 8 pm Vibrant Life Yoga – Starts Sat 6/5 ends 8/20 Kat Kiklowicz – Yoga Tuesday night classes starts 5/18 COVID Vaccinations – 2 days a week continues – trickling numbers

LaFayette Park Concert Series:

Discussion on role of Parks and Events Manager Schedule for Tuesdays – July 6 to Aug 24th Funds within the bank Watkins Glen Promotions

Thanks for reading - Craig Bond – Parks and Events Manager – parkmanager@watkinsglen.us 607.742.6877