



COUNTY OF ERIE

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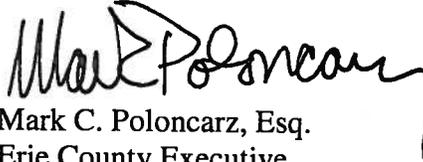
Re: Increase to Shelter, Building and Band Shell Rental Fees

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed is a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting legislative authorization to increase the rental price of shelters and buildings throughout the Erie County Parks System, as well as the County Band Wagon.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner Troy P. Schinzel at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Increase to Shelter, Building and Band Shell Rental Fees
Date: January 28, 2014

SUMMARY

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry seeks authorization to increase the rental fees of shelters and buildings throughout the Erie County Parks System, as well as the County Band Shell. The fees have not been increased since 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The increase in rental fees will help draw in greater revenues to provide funds to staff parks facilities and to help compensate for monies spent on facility improvements.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The costs to maintain buildings and structures throughout the parks system has increased over time. The cost for staff to deliver, set up and pick-up the band shell has also increased.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

It has been five (5) years since the rental fees of shelters, buildings and the band shell have increased. Since 2012, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry has invested over a million dollars of improvements to various shelters and buildings throughout the parks system.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Greater revenues will not be generated.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Increase of rental fees will go into effect March 1, 2014.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

Re: Increase to Shelter, Building and Band Shell Rental Fees

WHEREAS, shelter, building and band shell rental fees have not increased since 2009;
and

WHEREAS, the cost of maintaining and operating County parks has increased since that time; and

WHEREAS, since 2012 a substantial commitment of capital funds has resulted in several of these shelters and buildings being updated and improved; and

WHEREAS, the increased cost of fuel, utilities, equipment and maintenance supplies for the proper maintenance and operation of the County Park System validates this request to increase fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature, by a two-thirds affirmative vote, hereby approves the following schedule of shelter and building fees, effective beginning March 1, 2014:

Shelter and Building Fees			
		2009- 2014	2014 New
		Rate	Rate
Shelters	Small	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
	Medium	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00
	Large	\$ 110.00	\$ 120.00
Chestnut Ridge	Deputy Com. Cabin	\$ -	\$ 75.00
	Martin Lodge	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00
	Commissioners Cabin	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00
	Casino Meeting Room	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
Akron Falls	Cummings Lodge	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00
Emery	Judge Stroher's Lodge	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00
	Fieldhouse	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00
	Richardsons Cottage	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00
	Ski Lodge	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
Como Lake	Lancaster Place	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00
	Casino	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00
	Rich Marino Gazebo	\$ 225.00	\$ 250.00
	Bowen Grove	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
Sprague Brook	Casino	\$ 175.00	\$ 225.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature, by a two-thirds affirmative vote, hereby approves the following schedule of band shell fees, effective beginning March 1, 2014:

Band Wagon Fees	
2009 - 2014	2014 New
Rate	Rate
\$425.00	\$475.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Erie County Executive, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, the Division of Budget and Management and the Office of the Erie County Comptroller.