

RESOLUTION NO. 136

AMENDING RESOLUTION 415 FOR 1997 AND UPDATING THE PUBLIC USE PLAN FOR THE LAWSON LAKE PROPERTY FACILITATING PUBLIC ACCESS

Introduced: 4/11/22

By Messrs. A. Joyce, Cleary, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Miller, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Ward and Commisso:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 415 for 1997, this Honorable Body adopted a Public Use Plan for the Lawson Lake Property which allowed, among other things, certain recreational activities to take places on the property, and

WHEREAS, in recent years the County has invested greatly to enhance and update the Lawson Lake Property, which is enjoyed year round by the citizens of the County, and

WHEREAS, among the recent enhancements made to the property is the treatment of the waterbody, to improve both the quality of the water and ensure the property is a destination in the county, and

WHEREAS, the improvements to the waterbody have been so significant that swimming may be safely allowed in limited instances, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Public Use Plan for the Lawson Lake Property, adopted by Resolution No. 415 for 1997, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Prohibited Uses and Activities

Given the aforementioned permitted uses, various uses and activities will be expressly prohibited. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, swimming*, open fires, overnight camping, hunting, trapping, motorized vehicles, motorized boats and large craft requiring trailers, and consumption of alcoholic beverages*. All such prohibited uses and activities will be clearly posted on public informational signs to be placed at strategic locations on the property. *Swimming and the consumption of alcohol may only be allowed under special permit approved by the County.”

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Recreation shall be charged with administering the special permit program to ensure

the protection of the water quality as well as the safety of any persons using the waterbody for swimming, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That these amendments to the Public Use Plan for the Lawson Lake Property shall take effect immediately, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee – 4/11/22

Favorable Recommendation Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee – 4/26/22

Adopted by unanimous vote – 5/9/22