



CITY OF RYE

To: Nick Singer, Standard Amusements

From: Greg Usry 

Re: City of Rye Emergency Services Cost for Playland Park

Date: July 30, 2021

As a follow up to our recent conversations, I have assembled the attached information related to the City's ongoing/regular emergency services support for Playland. The City's emergency services (along with the PC-R-RB EMS) are called upon throughout the year to provide assistance to the patrons and staff at Playland. This obviously has significant financial and operational implications for the City, which will only increase as you move to year-round operations. Since the Park has not been a property taxpayer to date, the weight of this obligation has been born by our residents, versus the park operator(s) and visitors.

The attached material is a simplified approach to the direct costs currently being borne by the City. As you will note, it does not include allocated administrative expenses, maintenance, depreciation of equipment, etc.; all of which will need to be considered. However, I do believe the information will give you a sense of the magnitude of cost. I am reviewing an analysis commissioned by the Town of Goshen regarding Legoland as a relevant approach and one that may be helpful to us both as we advance our discussion.

With regard to the impact on the City's sewer infrastructure, I am in the middle of analyzing the flow data highlighted when we met last. By my preliminary estimates, Playland is approximately 5-6% of the City's total water flow annually (billed through Suez). This discharge percentage should be considered a proportionate share of our sanitary sewer infrastructure cost and maintenance expense. Based upon an assumed annual sewer expense of approximately \$500k, Playland's allocated cost should be \$25-30k. As I mentioned in our meeting, we are expecting that cost to rise to as much as \$1.5mm annually as the City updates/modernizes our system in the next few years, translating into a cost to Playland of approximately \$75-90k. These numbers are estimates, and will need to be updated/refined, including proper cost allocations, but this should give us a good starting point for our upcoming discussions.

One final note, I am gathering more information on the current assessed value of Playland and will provide you with more information as it becomes available. Certainly, any resulting property tax amount would be significantly greater than our estimated cost of service, including the proportionate school taxes.

I look forward to continuing our conversations and appreciate your engagement to date.

Rye Police Department	
Annual Events	Hours
Extra Officers July 4th Weekend	500
Special Events	750
Routine Patrol Calls	350
Traffic Stops (500 stops of 30 min)	250
Total	1850
Average hourly cost per officer	\$ 125
Average PD Expenditures Attributable to Playland 1850 hours x \$125	\$ 231,250

Rye Fire Department						
	Year	# calls	FFs Responding	Engines	Ladders	Support Vehicles
	2018	35	5	2	1	2
	2019	32	5	2	1	2
	2020	29	6	2	1	2
	Average	32	5.33	2	1	2
Average hourly cost per fire fighter	\$	125				
Average number of hours per call		1.5				
Average number of hours per season (32 x 1.5h)		48				
Average FD Expenditures Attributable to Playland ($\$125 \times 5.3 \times 48h$)						\$32,000

Port Chester-Rye Brook-Rye EMS						
	Year	# calls	Transports	Billed	Collected	Loss
	2016	73	55	\$ 40,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 26,000
	2017	83	68	50,000	20,000	30,000
	2018	60	45	33,000	12,000	21,000
	2019	44	37	30,000	14,000	16,000
	Average	65	51	\$ 38,250	\$ 15,000	\$ 23,250
Average hourly cost to staff call	\$	175				
Average number of Playland calls per year		65				
Average Cost to administrate Playland calls per year		11,375				
Average EMS Expenditures Attributable to Playland (Cost to handle calls + avg loss in uncollected bills)	\$					34,625