

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS &
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JUNE 8, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Travis Simms, Chair; Richard Bonenfant; John Kydes;
Shannon O'Toole Giandurco; Michael Corsello (7:04 p.m.)

STAFF: Gerald Anastasia, Athletic Supervisor

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Simms called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called the Roll.

II. MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2016

- ** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MR. KYDES AND MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO)**

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak this evening.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

- ** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATE FUN RUN INC. FOR THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK FOR A CORPORATE FUN RUN FAIRFIELD COUNTY 5K TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016 FROM 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016 AT 10:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016 AT 10:00 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500.**

Ms. Susan Keingel and Nicole were present. This is a run/walk event geared toward employee engagement. This is their second time holding the event.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked them to attend the June 14th Common Council meeting.

Mr. Corsello joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CT YANKEE COUNCIL FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 FROM 10:00 AM SATURDAY – 10:00 AM SUNDAY FOR A NORWALK SCOUTING ADVENTURE OVERNIGHT. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 AT 10:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 AT 10:00 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

Mr. Mike Lovell was present and said that this is their second time holding this event.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked him to attend the June 14th Common Council meeting.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK BY THE NORWALK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR A “NCHC HEALTH AND WELLNESS DAY” TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016 FROM 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2016 AT 9:00 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.**

Ms. Eve Beau was present and said that this is their second time holding this event. She said that the event will focus on health education.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY GERMAINE SMITH FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

Mr. Germaine Smith was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR A WEDDING BY MARK CUNNINGHAM TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 175.**

Ms. Cunningham was present.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE BY KELLY RICHARDS FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.**

The applicant was not present and Mr. Corsello withdrew his motion. This item will go on next month's agenda.

- ** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK BY THE SOUTH NORWALK COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A SONO CC FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016 FROM 3:30 PM – 8:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016 AT 12:00 NOON. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.**

Ms. Katherine Villanova was present. She described the event.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK BY THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE "SONO DAY OUT" TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016 FROM 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.**

Sgt. Helgado, Norwalk Police Department was present. He said that he has been doing this event for close to 10 years. It is sponsored by PAL at no cost to the City. He described the activities.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHOZEN FEW ENT. LLC TO USE 50 WASHINGTON STREET PLAZA FOR A S.O.S. MUSIC FEST FINALE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016 FROM 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016 AT 9:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 10:00 PM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200+. (CHANGE IN VENUE; ALREADY WAS APPROVED FOR MATHEWS PARK.)**

Ms. Mellodye Ragin was present. She explained that they wanted to move the event to Washington Street so that more people would be able to attend. She said that they would put the stage on Washington Street.

Mr. Bonenfant asked Ms. Ragin if she went to other departments to get the appropriate permits. He advised her to start with the Mayor's office to ask for guidance on what sign offs are needed.

Mr. Corsello noted that the park is small and asked if that would be the right location. He added that at last evening's Public Works Committee meeting, they discussed plans for improving the park. He said that he does not know when construction is scheduled to begin and suggested that Ms. Ragin check with DPW. Ms. Ragin said that the plan is to eventually have Parks and Recreation partner with her company.

Ms. Ragin said that she did not want to leave Mathews Park, but felt that 50 Washington Street was a better location and better fit for this event. Mr. Simms recommended that Ms. Ragin go to the Mayor's office to find out what she needs to move forward with this event and then come back to this committee for approval. If this item is not approved tonight, Ms. Ragin will not lose Mathews Park.

Ms. Ragin withdrew her request.

**** MR. CORSELLO WITHDREW HIS MOTION**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO FORWARD NAMING THE ENTRY ROAD INTO CRANBURY PARK JOSEPH COTE WAY FOR OUR FORMER LONGTIME PARK FOREMAN JOE COTE WHO SERVICED THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR OVER 35 YEARS TO THE LAND USE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Cote's family was present. His son said that his Dad worked for Parks and Recreation for 40 years and loved the City of Norwalk. He said that he could not think of a better way to honor his memory.

Mr. Kydes asked the Committee to approve this item. Ms. O'Toole Giandurco said that she was happy that this was able to come to fruition. Mr. Bonenfant said that he knew Mr. Cote and he is happy to move this along. He said that he had to be the bad guy last year; it was never about naming something after Mr. Cote, it was about the process. Because this is in a park, this request goes to the Land Use and Building Management Committee and they schedule a public hearing. After that, it goes to the full Common Council for approval.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CORNER STONE RESTORATION PROJECT #3674 BUILDING FAÇADE REPAIRS – GALLAHER MANSION HOUSE FOR THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$79,222.00. ACCOUNT #09166030-5777-C0366.**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH CORNER STONE RESTORATION PROJECT #3674 BUILDING FAÇADE REPAIRS – GALLAHER MANSION HOUSE FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.00. ACCOUNT #09166030-5777-C0366.

Mr. Simms said that he and Mr. Mocciae discussed these requests and noted that façade repairs are needed.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. DISCUSSION

There were no other discussions this evening.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi

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