

**RECREATION, PARKS &  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Travis Simms, Chair; Richard Bonenfant;  
Shannon O'Toole Giandurco

STAFF: Michael Moccia, Director

OTHERS: Terrence Fuller, Co-Founder of TMT Basketball

**I ROLL CALL**

Mr. Simms opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and called the Roll. A quorum was not present; therefore, no action could be taken. If the Committee members present agree, Mr. Simms will move the individual items to the full Common Council for approval.

**II MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2016**

No action was taken.

**III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**IV OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed this evening.

**V New Business**

1. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH "THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORWALK, CT" TO CONTRACT FOR THE PARKING AT CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, MARVIN SCHOOL AND TAYLOR FARM FOR THE ANNUAL NORWALK INTERNATIONAL IN WATER BOAT SHOW TO TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016. FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500.00. ACCOUNT #016027-5258.**

This item was reviewed and approved at last evening's Common Council meeting.

2. **A) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FOR A WALK & RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 FROM 6:00 AM – 12:00 NOON. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,000.**  
**B) APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE NORWALK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FOR THE WALK & RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017.**

A representative from Norwalk Hospital was present and explained that this will be their 14<sup>th</sup> annual event. All proceeds benefit the Cancer Center. They hope to have at least 2,000 participants.

Mr. Simms asked the representative to attend the next meeting of the Common Council on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

3. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SILVERMINE PTO FOR THE USE OF SILVERMINE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR A FALL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 FROM 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150+.**

A representative was not present. This item will go to the full Common Council meeting on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

4. **APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NAA BABE**

**RUTH GIRLS SOFTBALL FOR AN END OF SEASON PICNIC  
TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 FROM 8:00 AM – 5:30  
PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 250.**

A representative was present and said that this is their annual end of the season picnic. This event has been held at the Pavilion for the past few years.

Mr. Simms asked the representative to attend the next meeting of the Common Council on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

5. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Pavilion 1 and immediate surrounding grounds by Homeserve USA for a Company Olympic Day to be held Friday, September 23, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Estimated attendance 200.

A representative was present and said that they have held their picnic at Cranbury Park for the past three years. They hold a companywide Olympic day.

Mr. Simms asked the representative to keep in touch with the office before the event.

6. **APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK BY LEADERS OF TOMORROW, INC. FOR A NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLABORATION TO BE HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 FROM 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 80.**

Ms. Darline Perpignan was present and said that this event is being held in collaboration with the Police Department and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This is a community event that will create a dialogue with the Police Department. As of now, they do not plan to serve food.

Mr. Mocciaie told Ms. Perpignan that someone from the office will contact her.

7. **APPROVE THE USE OF THE JACK CASAGRANDE FIELD BY THE BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR “THE CELEBRATION OF SOUND” TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 FROM 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,500.**

Mrs. Suchy and Traci, Band President were present. They said that this is their 26<sup>th</sup> year holding this event. This year, there will be nine bands participating.

Mr. Simms asked the representatives to keep in touch with Mr. Mocciae for further instructions.

8. **APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY JAMES LAMANNA FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 FROM 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 125.**

Mr. James LaManna was present. Mr. Simms asked him to stay in touch with the office.

9. **APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHEA MCGRATH SPORTS COMPLEX AT NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL FOR MBI MARCHING BAND INC. FOR THEIR U.S. BANDS HOME SHOW TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016 FROM 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.**
10. **APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHEA MCGRATH SPORTS COMPLEX AT NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE MAC CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 FROM 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.**

Mr. Mocciae explained that this is the Cavalcade of Bands event. Mr. Simms will take these items to the next meeting of the Common Council on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

11. **APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY SIRIUS DECISIONS FOR A COMPANY PICNIC TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016 FROM 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 130**

Ms. Michelle Perry was present. She said that they are a private advisory firm. This will be their first year holding this event. They expect about 120 attendees and reserved a licensed food truck vendor.

12. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICE INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR TURF FIELD CONVERSION AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL**

**FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,500.00 ACCOUNT  
#09176030-5777-C0568**

Mr. Mocciae explained the item and said that this is for construction administration.

Mr. Simms will bring this item to the next meeting of the Common Council on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**V. DISCUSSION**

1. Litter at Several Schools

Mr. Mocciae explained that he received complaints from new principals about litter around their schools. He said that he met with them and explained who is responsible for removing the litter. He also noted that there were three areas in town, where kids hang out and trash those areas with papers and broken glass. The Police were notified and the issue appears to have been fixed.

2. Youth Basketball Program

Mr. Fuller, from TMT Basketball (Teaching and Mentoring through Basketball) explained that they were running their program out of the George Washington Carver Center; however, they now need to find a new space. He requested space at the Nathaniel Ely School. He described the program and noted that their 10 year old team ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation. He noted that a lot of the better players at the high schools come through this program.

Mr. Simms suggested that Mr. Fuller apply for CDBG funding and added that this is a great program. He said that he saw kids from this program go on to play for Division one schools. Mr. Mocciae said that the City leased Nathaniel Ely School to the Housing Authority. Mr. Simms said that he will talk to the Mayor and said that Nathaniel Ely School is a suitable space and that no one is using the building now. He said that this program would be a good use of the gym. Mr. Simms said that they will have to look at having a custodian on site.

Mr. Simms said that this is a non-profit group and it is a win-win to get youths involved in sports. He said that the Grassroots Tennis program is also there. Mr. Mocciae said that they hope to create a sports complex at the Nathaniel Ely School.

Mr. Simms said that the Committee cannot take action on this item tonight, but he will speak to Mayor Rilling and Mr. Law.

There was no further business and the discussion ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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