

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Travis Simms, Chair; Michael Corsello;
Shannon O'Toole Giandurco; Steve Serasis

STAFF: Michael Mocciae, Director

I ROLL CALL

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

II MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2017

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF
JANUARY 11, 2017 AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Karen Doyle Lyons announced that the fundraising event for the Norwalk Police Emerald Society scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled due to the impending snow storm.

Mr. Serasis asked Ms. Doyle Lyons how they raise money. She explained that they charge \$20.00 per participant

IV OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed this evening.

V NEW BUSINESS

**** MR. SERASIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

1. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER
ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR A
WEDDING BY MEGHAN KILLILEA AND JONATHAN GALLI TO BE
HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 FROM 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM.
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 130.**

Ms. Meghan Killilea and Mr. Jonathan Galli were present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following two items were tabled because a representative was not present.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Achilles International (501c3) to use Shady Beach for the Lighthouse to Lighthouse Race to be held Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Set up to take place on 6:00 AM with tear down no later than 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Estimated attendance 250.

3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Achilles International (501c3) to use Shady Beach for the Lighthouse to Lighthouse Race to be held Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Set up to take place on 8:30 AM with tear down no later than 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 17, 2017.

Estimated attendance 150.

**** MR. SERASIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK YMCA CAMP SUNRISE FOR THE USE OF SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR THEIR SUMMER CAMP TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2017 – AUGUST 25, 2017 FROM 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.

A representative was present and explained they hold this came every year.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 14th.

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CT CHAPTER FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH TO HOST THEIR "WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S" TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 FROM 6:00 AM – 2:00 PM. ESTIMATED

ATTENDANCE 1,500.

A representative was present and said that they have been holding this event at Calf Pasture Beach for several years. They expect to have 1,500 participants. In addition, they will have cheerleaders from local schools participating in the event.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 14th.

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

6. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR A WEDDING BY PAUL CALZONE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 FROM 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 120.

Mr. Calzone was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER TO USE MATHEWS PARK FOR "PRIDE IN THE PARK" TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 FROM 12:00 NOON – 8:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 AT 7:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.

A representative was present. He said that the event started in 2014; it is a fun event. Ms. O'Toole Giandurco said that it is a great event for kids. Mr. Serasis agreed.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 14th.

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JDRF (JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION) TO BE HELD AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL JACK CASAGRANDE FIELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

A representative was present. She explained that this is their third year doing this walk.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Simms asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 14th.

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH POUR AT THE SHORE LLC FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM FOR “POUR AT THE SHORE” TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017 FROM 12:00 NOON – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017 AT 9:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.

Two representatives were present. They said that they hold similar craft beer events throughout New England. They have live music and food trucks. They also partner with Uber to ensure a clean, safe event. They anticipate having 1,000 – 1,500 attendees. The event is a charity based event and 100% of the profits benefit the charity. This year they had planned to work with Duty’s Done, but they closed and recommended working with APK.

Mr. Serasis asked about advertisement. They told him that they would advertise on the radio, newspapers and on line. In response to Mr. Serasis’ question, they told him that they are a Connecticut company.

Ms. O’ Toole Giandurco requested that the representatives submit an overview of their event in writing. She noted that this is a new, big event and she wants to understand the scope of the event. The representatives agreed and added that they will also submit references.

Mr. Simms said that he will place this item on the February 28th Common Council agenda. Mr. Mocciae asked the representatives to submit their information no later than Tuesday, February 14th.

No action was taken.

**** MR. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

10. APPROVE THE USE OF THE VETERANS PARK FOR ASSEMBLAGE FOR THE ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE SPONSORED BY THE NORWALK POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 WITH A RAIN DATE OF FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017 FROM 9:00 AM – 12:00 P.M.

Ms. Karen Doyle Lyons was present. She gave an overview of the event and said that the parade follows the green shamrocks.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

11. APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE NEW NATHAN HALE SPORTS COMPLEX AFTER THE LATE ROBERT J. CALLAHAN AND MOVE IT TO THE LAND USE COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

Ms. Meghan Callahan and Mr. George Albano were present.

Mr. Albano explained that when the new sports complex opened, it had everything except a name. He recommended naming the sports complex after the late Robert J. Callahan. He said that the Connecticut Supreme Court Justice was one of the greatest all-around athletes Norwalk ever produced and gave an overview of his accomplishments.

Mr. Albano said that the Norwalk Old Timers' Athletic Association unanimously endorsed naming the sports complex after Judge Callahan. Both Mr. Simms and Mr. Serasis agreed that it would be quite fitting to name the athletic complex after him.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. SERASIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

12. APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THE RINK AT HARBOR POINT LLC DATED MAY 16, 2017 TO THE RINKS AT VETERANS PARK LLC AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONSENT TO

ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENTING EVIDENCING THE CITY'S CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE WRITTEN LICENSE.

Mr. Mocciae explained that the name had been changed from the Rink at Harbor Point, LLC to the Rinks at Veterans Park, LLC.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

13. RESCIND ITEM NO. VII.A.4 ON THE COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA OF JANUARY 10, 2017 WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARITIME ROWING CLUB TO USE A PORTION OF THE PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH MARINA DOCKS AS WELL AS A PORTION OF THE LOT FOR BOAT STORAGE (TEMPORARY FENCE) AND TO USE THE EXISTING DOCK AREA FOR LAUNCHING. THIS WILL BE TEMPORARY FROM MARCH 31 – JULY 31, 2017 DUE TO DISPLACEMENT BY THE WALK BRIDGE. THE MARITIME ROWING CLUB WILL MOVE UP THE NORWALK RIVER UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR PERMITS AND DOCKS AUGUST 1, 2017.

NEW ACTION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST:

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WATER SPORTS CENTER, INC. D/B/A MARITIME ROWING CLUB TO USE A PORTION OF THE PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH MARINA DOCKS AS WELL AS A PORTION OF THE LOT FOR BOAT STORAGE (TEMPORARY FENCE) AND TO USE THE EXISTING DOCK AREA FOR LAUNCHING. THIS WILL BE TEMPORARY FROM MARCH 31 – JULY 31, 2017 DUE TO DISPLACEMENT BY THE WALK BRIDGE. THE MARITIME ROWING CLUB WILL MOVE UP THE NORWALK RIVER UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR PERMITS AND DOCKS AUGUST 1, 2017.

Mr. Mocciae explained that this is a technical correction.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. DISCUSSION

1. DISCUSSION OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FOR THE 2017-18 SEASON. SEE ATTACHED DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION. SET A DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING NEXT MONTH.

Mr. Moccia reviewed the proposed fees. Mr. Simms expressed concern about the \$1,000 refundable security deposit and felt it was too expensive for someone who may want to have a birthday party for their child.

Mr. Serasis said that it felt the \$1,000 fee was fair and may deter someone from damaging the property.

A public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. on the night of the next Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services