

**CITY OF NORWALK  
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 14, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Corsello, Chair; Barbara Smyth; John Kydes; Chris Yerinides; George Tsiranides; Doug Hempstead

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director

OTHERS: Veronica Parsloe;

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Corsello called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and stated that a quorum was present.

**II. MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2018.**

Mr. Yerinides said to change "Yerinidis" to "Yerinides" throughout.

**\*\* MR. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Veronica Parsloe for the use of Veterans Park for The Norwalk Food Truck Festival to be held Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 11:00AM-6:00PM

with set up beginning at 5:00AM on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Tear down no later than 11:00PM on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Estimated attendance 1,000.

Mr. Hughes distributed the event layout that the committee had requested at last month's meeting. Ms. Parsloe asked for clarification on what parking will be available to them, and also requested permission to have fencing installed around the food trucks. Mr. Hughes provided an overview of where the parking will be available and said that fencing can be installed. Ms. Parsloe said that with all the expenses regarding EMS and some of the other expenses such as police and fire she asked if there is any possibility that this could be a two day event so that more revenue can be raised for the event, and help to cover some of the expenses. Mr. Hughes said "no" due to the sporting events that will be taking place but suggested she look into using Oyster Shell Park for the event. Mr. Hempstead asked Ms. Parsloe what non-profit they will be partnering with. Ms. Parsloe said because it is a first year event and there are so many expenses, and she doesn't know what the attendance will be she will be reaching out to non-profits to allow them a free space at the event. Mr. Corsello stated that the committee was hoping that a certain amount of the proceeds realized would go to a local charity, and asked what she visions coming away with as a profit from this event. She said that it is hard to say because she does not know what the expenses of the Fire Marshal and Police is going to be, but offered 10% to go to a non-profit and that her next step would be to look for one. Mr. Kydes asked if there is a conflict with Ripka's being they have the sole rights to selling food at Veterans Park. Mr. Hughes said "no" and that Mr. Ripka has provided an email welcoming the event. Mr. Corsello asked how many of the trucks will be serving alcohol. Ms. Parsloe said none and that she has a beer vendor that she works with that is fully licensed and insured, and he takes care of all of the security and monitors the area with his security staff and the food trucks will only be selling food. Mr. Tsiranides also suggested that Ms. Parsloe look into holding the event at Oyster Shell Park so that the event could be a two day event, and may offset some of the costs and put more towards a charitable contribution.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY PAOLA ALEMAN AND ELYAS FERMAND FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018 FROM 2:00PM-11:00PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

**\*\*MR. YERINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to stay in contact with staff for further instructions.

- 2. APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I BY THE NORWALK LITTLE LEAGUE FOR A LEAGUE PICNIC TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018 FROM 11:00AM-2:00PM WITH SET UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said that it is an annual event and that it has been held for at least the past 12 years.

**\*\*MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to stay in contact with staff for further instructions.

- 3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK YMCA- CAMP SUNRISE FOR THEIR USE OF THE SILVERMINE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR CAMP 2018 TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 THROUGH FRIDAY,**

**AUGUST 17, 2018 FROM 7:30AM-6:00PM DAILY. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE UP TO 150.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said that this is at least the sixth year that the event has been held. Mr. Hempstead asked if the date will be moved if the school calendar goes later. The representative said "yes" and that it would then be held the following week.

**\*\*MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 27, 2018.

**4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK AND SHOW MOBILE FOR THEIR PRIDE IN THE PARK 2018 TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2018 FROM 6:00PM-11:00PM, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 FROM 12:00 NOON- 8:00PM. SET-UP TO TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 11:00PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,500.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said that this is the fifth year that the event will be held and that it has grown considerably each year.

**\*\*MR. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 27, 2018.

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROJECT PURPLE 5K FOR THEIR USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THEIR PURPLE PROJECT 5K TO BE HELD ON**

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018 FROM 8:30AM-10:30PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 6:30AM ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 250.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said that it will be a 5K race, and a one mile walk and is done in the memory of a lifetime Norwalk resident Donna Cutrone. He said that project purple is a Connecticut based organization that raises funds for pancreatic cancer research and support. Mr. Hempstead asked what the expectations are on how much money this event will raise. The representative said he would be disappointed if \$20,000-\$30,000 was not raised. Mr. Kydes asked if this is the first year the event is being held. The representative said "yes". Mr. Tsiranides asked for a breakdown of what the route will be. The representative said that the race will be begin at Calf Pasture Beach and go to Shore and Country Club and end back at Calf Pasture Beach, and that it will have a low impact on traffic, and once approved that all the residents in the area and Shore and County Club will be notified.

**\*\*MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 27, 2018.

**6. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH BY WORD ALIVE BIBLE CHURCH , INC. FOR A EASTER EGG HUNT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018 FROM 11:00AM- 12:00 NOON. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00AM ON SATURDAY MARCH 31, 2018 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00PM. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100+.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said this is the first time that event will be held and that there will be no fee to attend. He said that they thought it would be nice thing to do for the community.

**\*\*MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\*THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to stay in contact with staff for further instructions.

**7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK KARTING ASSOCIATION FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FROM THE SPRING AND FALL 2018 SEASON TO BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FROM 7:00AM-5:00PM**

**SPRING 2018-MARCH 17, 24      APRIL 1, 7,14,21,28    MAY 6, 19**

**FALL 2018- SEPTEMBER 15, 29    OCTOBER 6,13,20,27    NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17**

**IF RAIN ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY MAY BE AVAILABLE. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 50-100.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said that the event has been held for the past 45 years.

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the next Common Council meeting on February 27, 2018.

**\*\*MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. DISCUSSION**

1.      2018-19 Capital Budget

Mr. Hughes reported on the 2018-19 capital budget request and said and that only 13% of what was requested has been approved by Mr. Barron but that it is only the first step in the process. Mr. Corsello asked of all of the items that were cut what was the most important. Mr. Hughes said that turf replacement on Testa Field at Norwalk High School and that it is in dire need to be replaced. Mr. Corsello said that he is surprised this falls under Parks and Recreation budget and not the Board of Education. Mr. Hughes said that anything outside of 25 feet from the school building is the city's park property. Mr. Kydes asked if the funding is approved when

the work will be done. Mr. Hughes said prior to the football season. Mr. Kydes asked if only half of the request if funded this year and the other half next year if they would be good with one more year of use. Mr. Hughes said that would be pushing it and he would hate to see injuries start happening more frequently due to the state of the field. Mr. Tsiranides asked what the standard lifespan is on those fields. Mr. Hughes said eight to ten years and this field is on the 11<sup>th</sup> year but this field gets above normal use. There was further discussion on the capital budget request and Mr. Corsello asked what can be done so that something reasonable is appropriated toward Parks and Recreation budget. Mr. Kydes suggested that the turfing of Testa field be funded in the Board of Education's capital budget.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd  
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