

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Corsello, Chair (7:07 p.m.); John Kydes; Barbara Smyth;
George Tsiranides; Chris Yerinides;
Douglas Hempstead (7:07 p.m.); Travis Simms (7:15 p.m.)

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director

I ROLL CALL

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

II MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2018

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. YERINIDES)**

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak this evening.

IV OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed this evening.

V NEW BUSINESS

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

1. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION
AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MACARENA
FLORES FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28,
2019 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE
120**

A representative was present

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

2. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY IAN APPLEBY FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 190

A representative was present

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

3. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY JESSICA BRAUS FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019 FROM 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200

A representative was present

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NHS MBI INC., FOR THEIR USE OF NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL FIELD/PARKING LOT FOR THEIR NHS MARCHING BAND AND GUARD CAVALCADE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 FROM 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM WITH SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM AND TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 10:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000 (STAGGERED)

Ms. Smyth explained that this is an annual event. The Norwalk High School marching band uses the parking lot for a staging area.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD TWO ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

5. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL FOR THEIR USE OF TAYLOR FARM FOR KIDZFEST TOUCH A TRUCK & MORE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. WITH SET UP TO BEGIN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018 AT 12:00 NOON WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500**

Ms. Kari Pesavento was present and explained this is their seventh year holding this event at Taylor Farm. The goal is to create a fun, family friendly event. The fee of \$5.00 can be waived if necessary. This is an event with representation from five towns.

Mr. Corsello and Mr. Hempstead joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked Ms. Pesavento to attend the September 25th meeting of the Common Council.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

6. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY WL RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LANDTECH CONSULTANTS INC. FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES FOR PROJECT #3860 WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD DESIGN SERVICES FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000. ACCOUNT #09196030-5777-C0631**

Mr. Hughes explained this is an approved capital project for design services for the West Rocks Middle School soccer field. He noted the fields are used all the time.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. Discussion

1. Review Department Fees for a Public Hearing to be scheduled prior to next month's meeting

Mr. Hughes asked the Committee members to review the fees. He said they have not been raised in a few years. Mr. Kydes said he has been advocating for higher fees for non-residents.

2. Resident Passes/City Parks and Transfer Station

Mr. Hughes explained that department fees are per an ordinance. Any changes have to be made through an ordinance.

Mr. Simms joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The Committee members discussed resident and non-resident passes. Mr. Hughes said he would like to limit the number of resident passes issued to car dealerships. Mr. Corsello said car dealerships should not have resident passes. Mr. Hughes explained if a person brings their car into the dealership for repairs, and they are given a loner, the pass allows the resident to go to use the beach while their car is being repaired. Mr. Hempstead asked Mr. Hughes to find out how many dealership passes are issued each year.

A discussion took place about what constitutes a resident. Mr. Corsello said that when someone moves, they have to change their registration. Mr. Hughes said a lot of people show their short-term lease as proof of residency. Mr. Corsello said they have to comply with the state law and the ordinance should reflect that. Mr. Yerinides said if people want to use the City's amenities, they need to register their car in Norwalk.

Mr. Simms asked how someone could use the beach if they were using a rental car. Mr. Hughes said they would need to go to the office and show proof of residency.

Mr. Hughes said he will follow up with the Law Department and bring changes to the Committee at their next meeting.

Ms. Smyth asked why residents are not charged for a beach pass. Mr. Simms said our residents pay for the beach through their taxes.

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services