

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

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

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Corsello called the meeting to order at 7:03PM and stated that a quorum was present.

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

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

**III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed this evening.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE GROUNDS BY KARISSA TOBLER FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019 FROM 12:00 NOON-9:00PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 120.**

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

**2. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE GROUNDS BY SANDY RAMIREZ FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019 FROM 2:00PM-11:00PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Corsello asked Ms. Ramirez to stay in contact with the Parks and Recreation office.

Mr. Yerinides joined the meeting at 7:05PM.

**3. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE GROUNDS BY ANN KEELER FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019 FROM 1:00PM-12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

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

Mr. Corsello asked Ms. Keeler to stay in contact with the Parks and Recreation office.

**4. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE GROUNDS BY JENNIFER MARTINEZ FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 FROM 3:00PM-12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

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

Mr. Corsello asked Ms. Martinez to stay in contact with the Parks and Recreation office.

**5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JOHN BYSIEWICZ FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR A PROJECT PURPLE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 FROM 8:30AM.- 10:30AM WITH SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 6:30AM AND TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 10:30AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 250.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said that this is the second year that it has been held in partnership with project purple, and they are located in Seymour, CT. and raise awareness for pancreatic cancer. She said last year they raised over \$10,000, and that this year it will be a 5K run that will begin at Calf Pasture Beach and go through the Marvin Beach Association neighborhood, and there will also be a walk that will begin on the sidewalk at Calf Pasture Beach and they will walk a half mile and return. Mr. Kydes requested that the representative contact the Marvin Beach Association.

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

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

Mr. Hempstead joined the meeting at  
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**6. APPROVE THE USE SHADY BEACH BY ACHILLES INTERNATIONAL FOR THEIR LIGHTHOUSE TO LIGHTHOUSE RACE TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 FROM 9:30AM-4:00PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE STARTING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,**

**2019 AT TAYLOR FARM FOR RIG SET UP TO BEGIN AT 12:00 NOON- 8:00PM. SET UP FOR RACE TO BEGIN AT 6:00AM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 8:00PM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019-50, SATURDAY, 14, 2019-225, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019-150.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said in the past they have run one race on a single day and in 2019 they will be expanding it to a two day event which will provide more opportunity for more races. Mr. Corsello asked if Achilles International in a non-profit organization. The representative said "yes" and they work with athletes that have any type of disability and provides opportunity for them to compete in main stream sporting events. Mr. Tsiranides asked what the safety precautions are. The representative said that safety in the number one priority and involves several dimensions including the Norwalk Police Marine Unit, Norwalk EMS, Radio operators, and the Coast Guard and that he has submitted the safety plan with the application. Mr. Kydes asked if there is a rain date. The representative said "no".

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

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

**7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARITIME AQUARIUM/KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL FOR THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK FOR THE MARITIME AQUARIUM/KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL FLOGGING 5K EVENT TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019 FROM 8:30AM-12:00 NOON. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 7:30AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.**

Mr. Shockley gave a brief overview of the event and said that the course will go through South Norwalk and Lt. Blake has been helping them work on that. Mr. Corsello asked what flogging is. Mr. Shockley said it is the act of picking up litter as you jog or walk and they will be going into the neighborhoods that need a clean-up. Mr. Kydes asked if any streets will need to be closed. Mr. Shockley said "no" and they will have a minimum of four police officers at the intersections. Mr. Hughes asked where the trash will go once it's picked up. Mr. Shockley said they will carry it back and whoever collects the most wins the race.

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**8. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ROWAYTON SCHOOL PTA FOR THEIR USE OF ROWAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD FOR THE ROWAYTON CARNIVAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 FROM 5:00PM-8:00PM AND SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 FROM 10:00AM-8:00PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 7:00AM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 9:00AM ON SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said in previous years the event would begin at 5:00PM on Friday and this year they are proposing at start time at 4:00PM. Mr. Kydes asked what the estimated attendance will be. The representative said they are estimating under 500 for the event.

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

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

**9. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MULTIPLE MYELOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM FOR THEIR MMRF TEAM FOR CURES 5K WALK/RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 8:00AM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 7:00PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000-1,200.**

The representative gave a brief overview of the event and said this is the first time the event will be held in Norwalk, but that it has been held for the past 15 years and while the corporate office is in Norwalk but the past events have been held in New Canaan High School and are looking to change it this year to Norwalk for several reasons. Mr. Kydes asked what the route will be. The representative said that they would like to use Calf Pasture Beach but are open to working with the community and police to come up with a 5K course. Mr. Tsiranides said he thinks it would be a better idea to

have the event at Taylor Farm so that the beach is not obstructed and he would like to see the route. Mr. Kydes asked Mr. Hughes to establish a list of how many walks and 5K's that happen in a calendar year with the dates.

**\*\* MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO THE APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO A SATISFACTORY ROUTE BEING AGREED UPON WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

**\*\* THE MOTION FAILED.**

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT MONTHS MEETING PROVIDED THEY RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ROUTE.**

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

**10. APPROVE THE 2019-2020 DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FACILITY USAGE AND PARK FEES.**

Mr. Kydes asked if with the increase in the rental for the barn with the kitchen at Fodor Farm will now be profitable to the city rather than a loss. Mr. Hughes said "yes" and they have installed a system that the locks on the door can be opened remotely so there is a savings. Mr. Kydes thanked Mr. Hughes for revising the fee schedule and said that we were overdue for increases and the increase was put on the non-resident which is the right way to go. Mr. Hempstead asked why the fee on the pavilion went down. Mr. Hughes said there is not water or bathrooms so we weren't getting rentals just for the pavilion and they lowered the fee to try and entice people to rent it. Mr. Corsello said that the increase for the daily fee for Cranbury Park seems high. Mr. Hughes said the fee is for non-residents and there are a lot of non-residents that use the park. Mr. Kydes asked how much revenue was brought in from residents and non-residents from the launch ramps at Veterans Park. Mr. Hughes said that those numbers have not yet been reconciled yet because they are still opened on the weekends, but this year they were opened late so they didn't get the draw that they normally would so the numbers will be quite a bit lower than prior years due to the construction of the docks.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEE SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED.**

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

## V. DISCUSSION

- 1. Ordinance change: Chapter 74. Recreation and Parks, redline copy attached. Discussion and possible action.**

Mr. Corsello asked if DPW has weighed in on the ordinance change. Mr. Hughes said “yes” and they had provided him the language for section 74-4, Sections A-C. Mr. Corsello suggested changing section 74-8, B. to ADA certified service animal. Mr. Hughes said that he has received paperwork that he will forward to the committee regarding the ADA guidelines pertaining to pets.

**\*\* MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE CHANGE TO CHAPTER 74, RECREATION AND PARKS ORDINANCE AND FORWARD IT TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER ACTION.**

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

Mr. Hempstead requested that a work session be scheduled over the winter regarding events at the beach and establish a benchmark.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd  
Telesco Secretarial Services