

**CITY OF NORWALK  
RECREATION, PARKS  
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 9, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Corsello, Chair (7:12 p.m.); Douglas Hempstead; John Kydes;  
Barbara Smyth; George Tsiranides; Darlene Young;  
Chris Yerinides (7:08 p.m.)

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Kydes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and called the Roll.

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\* MS. SMYTH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W.  
RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MBI INC. FOR THE  
USE OF THE NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL FRONT LAWN AND PARKING  
AREA FOR THEIR NHS WINTERGUARD/PERCUSSION HOME SHOW TO  
BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.  
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,500. STAGGERED**

Ms. Vicky Cook was present and described the event. She said there will be two indoor shows. The parking lot will be used for bus parking and they will not park on the front laws.

Mr. Yerinides joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Kydes asked Ms. Cook to attend the January 22, 2019 meeting of the Common Council.

**\*\* MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH LAZ PARKING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT OT EXCEED \$180,000 FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PARKING AT CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, TAYLOR FARM, VETERANS PARK AND CRANBURY PARK FOR THE 2019 SEASON**

Mr. Hughes explained the item. He said they want to get away from accepting cash for out of town parking. He said they accept \$400,000 at the beach last year and about 70% of that was cash.

Mr. Corsello joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. Hughes said residents will no longer need to print out a paper pass, unless they want to go to the transfer station. They will go to the website and enter their information into the system to have their car registered to park at the beaches and parks.

Non-residents will be able to pay for parking on their phone. If they do not have a phone, a Beach Ambassador will lend them a phone to pay for parking. Mr. Hughes said they expect to see a 15 – 20% increase in gat receipts in the first year.

If a car is registered, they will be able to just drive into the beach without stopping. The beach season will run from approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Special events at the beach will be coordinated with LAZ.

LAZ will provide parking enforcement. They will also patrol the dog park area. The license plate readers will be on the enforcement vehicles. Mr. Hughes said event passes can have a time parameter attached to them.

Mr. Hughes said LAZ runs all of Stamford beach parking. Mr. Tsiranides said he called Stamford and was told that within a year, all of the issues were ironed out. They found this to be very efficient. If a resident is delinquent with their taxes and parks at the beach, they will be issued a \$60.00 ticket.

Mr. Hempstead asked about the procedure when there is an event at the pavilion. Mr. Hughes said they will need to register their cars prior to the event. He added that residents will need to be educated. He said they will heavily advertise that Norwalk is going cashless at the beach.

Mr. Corsello had concerns about the annual renewal in the contract. Mr. Hughes said the legal department will be reviewing the contract.

Mr. Hughes said that there will be a lot of data entry and most of it will be done by the Parks and Recreation office staff.

If someone has New York plates on their car but can prove they live in Norwalk they will be able to register their car for parking.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. HEMPSTEAD)**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### Streamline Event Approvals

Mr. Corsello recommended creating an ordinance to streamline the event application process.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services