

**CITY OF NORWALK RECREATION, PARKS
& CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

APRIL 10, 2019

ATTENDANCE: John Kydes (Acting Chair); Douglas Hempstead (7:03); Barbara Smyth; George Tsiranides; Chris Yerinides

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director of Recreation and Parks

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Corsello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and called the Roll as reflected above.

II. MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019

**** MS. SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no action on this item
Mr. Hempstead arrived at 7:03

IV. OLD BUSINESS

. There was no action on this item

V. NEW BUSINESS

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

- 1. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Kathryn Sullivan for a Wedding to be held Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. Estimated attendance 125**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Amy Mims for a Wedding to be held Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 3:00 PM – Midnight. Estimated attendance 110**

There was no action on this item.

- ** MR YERINEDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- 3. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Dora Kaighen for a Wedding to be held Saturday, July 26, 2019 from 2:15 PM – 7:15 PM. Estimated attendance 175**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- 4. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Pavilion 1 by HomeServe USA for their Olympics to be held Tuesday, July 9, 2019 from 1:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Set up to begin at 12:00PM with tear down no later than 5:00 PM. Estimated attendance 150**

The time of the event should read 1:00 PM-5:00PM.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- 5. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Pavilion 1 by HomeServe USA for their Olympics to be held Friday, September 13, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Set up to begin at 8:00 AM with tear down no later than 6:00 PM on Friday, September 13, 2019. Estimated attendance 170**

Mr. Kydes stated that this was an annual event and there were never issues.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- 6. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Daryl Woolsey for their use of Brien McMahon High School Track/Field by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for their JDRF One Walk, Fairfield to be held Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Set up to begin at 5:00 AM with tear down no later than 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2019. Estimated attendance 1000**

The group's representative said they'd moved to Wilton last year but wanted to move back as it was better attended when it was in Norwalk.

Mr. Hughes said there had never been an issue. He aid they put down a deposit to protect the turf, as it happens during football season.

Mr. Kydes informed her she would have to appear before the Common Council on April 23rd, at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers on the third floor.

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- 7. Approve the use of Mathews Park by Haitian American Collaborative for their Haitian Flag Raising Festival to be held Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Set up to begin at 8:00 AM with tear down no later than 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Estimated attendance 170**

The group's representative said that this was the fifth time they've held this event, the first time in Norwalk. She said the flag ceremony would be held across the street before 11am.

Mr. Tsiranides asked about food plans and the representative said they planned to have food trucks. Mr. Kydes asked why they'd chosen Norwalk and the representative said that they are doing it in several towns. She also said they used to have a parade in Norwalk and would like to bring that back at some point.

Mr. Kydes asked how they estimated attendance at a public event. Mr. Hughes said it was based upon past attendance.

The group's representative said they'd never gone over 150 in the five years of the event.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM AS AMENDED**

- 8. Approve the use of use of Brien McMahan High School Track/Field by Now I Am Nia, LLC to be held Saturday, October 6, 2019 from 3:00 AM –7:00 PM. Set up to begin at 12:00 PM with tear down no later than 7:00 PM. Estimated attendance 150.**

The date and time should read as follows: Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 1:00pm – 4pm, set up time at 11am, teardown no later than 6pm.

The representative of the group said that it was to be held rain or shine on the track at BMHS.

Mr. Hughes told her to stay in touch with Erin.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- 9. A) Approve the use of use of Calf Pasture Beach by Crystal Theatre, Inc. for their Broadway Mets Budapest Song & Dance event to be held Friday, July 19, 2019 from 7:00 PM –9:00 PM. Set up to begin at 3:00 PM with tear down no later than 10:45 PM. Estimated attendance 300**

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B) Approve the use of use of Show Mobile by Crystal Theatre, Inc. for their Broadway Mets Budapest Song & Dance event to be held Friday, July 19, 2019 from 7:00 PM –9:00 PM.

The event should read “Broadway Meets Budapest”.

The group’s representative said that there would be 16 singers and 20 dancers and they’d bring a wooden platform to dance on, their on sound system and a small tent for costume changes. She said there was no rain date.

Mr. Hughes asked if she’d been in touch with Erin about parking, he noted that the event was after 5pm so it would be the full parking rate for the day. The representative said she’d check.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS 10-16**

- 10. Approve the use of Calf Pasture Beach by the Lightfoot Running Club for their Annual Mother’s Day Race to be held Sunday, May 12, 2019 from 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM Estimated attendance 275**
- 11. Approve the use of Norwalk High School by the Lightfoot Running Club for their Summer Series 3 Miler to be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 6:30 AM – 9:45 AM. Estimated attendance 120**
- 12. Approve the use of Cranbury Elementary School by the Lightfoot Running Club for their Summer Series 5 Miler to be held Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 6:30 AM –10:00 AM. Estimated attendance 125**
- 13. Approve the use of Brien McMahon High School by the Lightfoot Running Club for their Summer Series 7 Miler to be held Sunday, July 21, 2019 from 6:30 AM – 10:30 AM. Estimated attendance 125**
- 14. Approve the use of Calf Pasture Beach by the Lightfoot Running Club for their Summer Series 9 Miler to be held Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM. Estimated attendance 125**
- 15. Approve the use of Silvermine School by the Lightfoot Running Club for their Summer Series 11 Miler to be held Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 6:30 AM – 11:15 AM. Estimated attendance 125**
- 16. Approve the use of Fox Run Elementary School by the Lightfoot Running Club for their Summer Series Half Marathon to be held Sunday September 15, 2019 from 6:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Estimated attendance 225**

Mr. Hughes said there had never been an issue. The group's representative said this was the 43rd year.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

- 17. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a 5-year lease extension with the Pastime Social and Athletic Club for the use of a small portion of land along Seaview Avenue. Remaining terms of the Agreement to remain unchanged.**

The representatives said that theirs wa a private club and the parcel of land they were leasing was about four feet wide, and it was under the sea wall.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. DISCUSSION

Two gentlemen came to the discuss the skate park at Calf Pasture. They said that since the shed had burned down they'd raised some money to get needed supplies for the skate camp.

One man said that they had wanted to do a kickoff event at the beginning of the summer, they came to the meeting because they didn't know how to go about it.

Mr. Hughes gave them his card, and told them to email him with dates and information.

Mr. Kydes noted that they'd recently heard that people weren't using the park any more, that the skate camp last summer didn't have enough enrollment to pay the staff.

The gentlemen said that was because it had fallen into disrepair, and because of the cost of parking at the beach.

Mr. Hughes estimated that it would cost \$200,000 to replace the asphalt with concrete and replace the equipment.

Mr. Kydes thanked them for coming and for starting the conversation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. TSERINEDES MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Grassilli
Telesco Secretarial Service

