

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MAY 8, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: John Kydes, Chair; Michael Corsello,, Douglas Hempstead, George Tsiranides, Chris Yerinides, Darlene Young (7:30)

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Superintendent of Parks and Public Property, Nick Roberts, Director of Recreation and Parks

OTHERS: Alex Gisolfi, Petitioner, Stephanie Howard, Petitioner, Lindsey Flanders, Petitioner, Naga S. Vemuri, Petitioner, Jack Couch, Petitioner

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Corsello called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Corsello called the roll. A quorum was present.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

***MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 10TH, 2019.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no public participation.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

There was no action on this item.

IV. NEW BUSINESS.

- 1. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Alex Gisolfi for a Wedding to be held Saturday June 15th, 2019 from 3:00 PM- 12 Midnight. Estimated attendance 125-150.**

*** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED THE ITEM.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Stephanie Howard for a Wedding to be held Friday August 30th, 2019 from 3:00 PM- 12 Midnight. Estimated attendance 150.**

Mr. Corsello informed petitioner to keep in touch with Norwalk Parks and Recreation.

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 3. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Mansion and immediate surrounding grounds by Lindsey Flanders for a Wedding to be held Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 3:00 PM- 12 Midnight. Estimated attendance 150-175.**

Mr. Corsello informed petitioner to keep in touch with Norwalk Parks and Recreation.

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 4. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Pavilion 1 by The Tiny Miracles Foundation for a Family Fun Day for Families of Premature Babies to be held Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 11 AM- 2 PM. Set up to begin at 10 AM with tear down no later than 2:30 PM on Sunday June 2, 2019. Estimated attendance 150.**

Mr. Corsello asked if there was someone to speak on this item.

Representative of The Tiny Miracles Foundation informed council that organization was non-profit and the event would be in support for families with premature children. She also informed that there would be a magician, balloon maker, juggler, stilt-walker and music, as well as a petting zoo with farm animal enclosed in a pen at the event as well. She said that her organization was told this was acceptable.

Mr. Hughes asked the representative to keep an eye on the animals.

Representative informs council that attendees will be seated under the Pavilion while the petting zoo will be to the side.

Mr. Hughes asked the representative to make sure the animals were cleaned up after at the end of the event. He also asked representative if petting zoo had an insurance policy besides supplying animals for the event.

Representative replies affirmatively.

Mr. Hughes asked the representative to make sure the City of Norwalk and Parks and Recreation gets a copy of said insurance policy.

Mr. Corsello said the council was not informed previously of the petting zoo and that they were not familiar with petting zoos at such events.

Representative says it is stipulated in contract. Informs the council that the petting zoo company would be onsite from 12 Noon to 2 PM on the day of the event. Children will be under adult supervision. Representative informs that petting zoo was part of the event in years prior.

Mr. Hughes asks representative to keep the council and Parks and Recreation informed of any changes to take place in the event.

Representative applies affirmatively. Informs the event will be rain or shine. In the event of rain, the event would be consolidated under the Pavilion. Asks if they can put up 10 x 10 tents.

Mr. Hughes informs representative to speak with Parks and Recreation regarding that matter.

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 5. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Pavilion 1 by Naga S. Verumi for a Birthday Party to be held Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM with set up to begin at 8 AM with tear down no later than 5 PM Sunday July 14, 2019. Estimated attendance 100-149.**

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council member Darlene Young arrived at 7:30 PM.

- 6. Approve the use of the Show Mobile by NICE INC. for the 4th Annual NICE Festival to be held Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 6 AM- 11 PM.**

Representative informs council that there may be an issue with the delivery of the Show Mobile as the rain date for the fireworks is scheduled for July 5th, 2019 and the NICE Festival is July 6, 2019. Informs council that weather will be taken into account and is forming contingency plans. Plan on finalizing event on July 2, 2019.

Representative informs council that sound check would need to happen between 6 AM- 11 AM.

Mr. Hempstead informs representative that because a new noise ordinance has been set by the City of Norwalk that doing a sound check early in the morning would violate that.

Informs representative that they cannot do the sound check for the event at before 9 AM.

Mr. Hughes informs representative that the sound check can be done around 9 AM. Mr. Hughes said they may cancel the day of fireworks due to weather. He informs her that they may cancel the event up to 10 AM on July 3rd, 2019.

***MR. CORSELLO MOVES TO AMEND ITEM SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SHOW MOBILE. VOTE ON AMENDMENT UNANIMOUS. VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDED ITEM UNANIMOUS.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 7. Approve the placement of Sculptures in Lockwood Matthews Park between Lockwood Matthews Mansion and Stepping Stones, donated by Carol Eisner, to remain for a designated time period of one year.**

Mr. Corsello asks to defer the matter to the law department for the city.

Mr. Tsiranides asks if this item has gone to the Arts Commission.

Mr. Corsello replies negatively. Informs council there's no standard document from law department for leasing of art works.

Ms. Young expresses safety concerns with art works.

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 8. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with National Marine Manufacturers Association for their use of Calf Pasture Beach, Shady Beach, Taylor Farm and Marvin School for the 2019 Norwalk Boat Show to be held Thursday, September 19, 2019, Friday, September 20, 2019, Saturday, September 21, 2019, and Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 10 AM-7 PM daily. Estimated attendance 1500.**

Mr. Hughes informs representative that parking will be done via parking app.

The full council will take item up later on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED APPROVAL.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 9. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with William Raveis Charitable Fund for their use of Calf Pasture Beach for their William Raveis Ride & Walk to be held Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 7 AM- 2 PM. Set up to begin on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 12 Noon and again on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 5:30 AM with tear down no later than 3 PM on Sunday, September 29, 2019. Estimated attendance 500-1000.**

The full council will take item up later on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED APPROVAL.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with the Norwalk Junior Lacrosse League for their use of on Saturday June 8, 2019 and Sunday June 9, 2019 from 7:30 AM- 6 PM.

Mr. Roberts asks Mr. Couch how many teams are expected for the event.

Mr. Couch informs council there should be about 120 teams present.

Mr. Corsello informs council this item was not on agenda until day of the meeting. the full council will take up later on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

*** MR. CORSELLO MOVED APPROVAL.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. DISCUSSION

No action on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Kral
Telesco Secretarial Services