

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS
&
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JUNE 12, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Corsello, Chair; Douglas Hempstead; Barbara Smyth;
George Tsiranides; Chris Yerinides; Darlene Young

STAFF: Nick Roberts, Director of Recreation and Parks

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Corsello called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and called the Roll. A quorum was present.

II. MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2019

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. SMYTH)**

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

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

1. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY ALINE DE OLIVEIRA FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 FROM 4:30 PM – 9:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 2:00 PM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 11:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100-150

A representative was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to stay in touch with the office.

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

2. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY CHRIS MICKOLYZCK FOR A WEDDING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 FROM 1:30 PM – 7:30 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 11:30 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 8:30 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150

A representative was present. She noted that the date should be September 26, 2020 and not April as indicated on the agenda.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to stay in touch with the office.

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

3. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY KELSEY FUCHS FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020 FROM 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150

A representative was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to stay in touch with the office.

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

4. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH BY NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEDA WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 FROM 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 7:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150

A representative was present. She described the event.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to stay in touch with the office.

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

5. APPROVE THE USE OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK NORTH SOCCER FIELD BY TRI FEDERATION USA, LLC FOR A TRIBALL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019 FROM 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM. SETUP TO BEGIN AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200

A representative was present. He described the event and said this is a new sport that was created in Connecticut. They are trying to standardize mixed gender competition. This is the first time they are holding this event in Norwalk.

Mr. Corsello suggested that since this is a new event to Norwalk that the representative attend the next Common Council meeting. Mr. Roberts said that this event will take place outside of the peak season.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the June 25, 2019 Common Council meeting.

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

6. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORWALK, CT FOR THE PARKING AT CALF PASTURE BEACH, SHADY BEACH, MARVIN SCHOOL AND TAYLOR FARM FOR ANNUAL NORWALK INTERNATIONAL IN-WATER BOAT SHOW TO BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00. ACCOUNT #014118-5258.

A representative was not present. Mr. Corsello noted that this has been done for the past 30 years.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

7. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BMHS BAND PARENTS, INC. FOR THE USE OF BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD FOR THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SOUND TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 FROM 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER 10:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 7,500

A representative was present. The representative explained that this is their 30th year of doing this.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello asked the representative to attend the June 25, 2019 Common Council meeting.

VI. DISCUSSION

1. Wetland Mitigation – Oyster Shell Park Access Request

Mr. Roberts explained that this is an impending project to do wetland mitigation along Oyster Shell Park. It will impact the Sandy Hook playground.

Mr. Eric Feldblum, Project Engineer CTDOT, WALK Bridge Program along with representatives from the DOT presented the wetland mitigation plan at Oyster Shell Park.

Mr. Corsello asked about parking for the workers. Mr. Feldblum explained that they will not have a big crew; probably six to eight people.

Mr. Feldblum said they are working with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, the Harbor Commission and Shellfish Commission are on board with this plan.

Ms. Smyth asked if this project will impact the annual festival that takes place at Oyster Shell Park in July. Mr. Feldblum said it will not impact the festival.

Mr. Hempstead asked if they will be applying for temporary easements. Mr. Feldblum said they have to determine how to apply for a 10-year easement.

Mr. Hempstead asked Mr. Roberts for an update on the new parking program at Calf Pasture Beach. Mr. Roberts explained they have added signage and on busy weekends they have added personnel.

The Committee discussed various Recreation and Parks initiatives.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

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