

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Corsello, Chairman; Barbara Smyth, George Tsiranides, John Kydes, Darlene Young (7:10 p.m.)

STAFF: Nick Roberts, Director

OTHERS: Viyaleta Peterson, Petitioner, Shannon Whipple, Petitioner, Julio Pardo, Petitioner, Ernie Dumas, Common Council, David Liberatore, Rowayton Elementary School

I ROLL CALL

Mr. Corsello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

- 1) Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallagher Estate and immediate surrounding grounds by Viyaleta Peterson for a wedding to be held Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 3:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight. Estimated Attendance 120.

II MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2019

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED THE MINUTES.
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED 4-0 (MS. YOUNG WAS NOT PRESENT).**

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

IV OLD BUSINESS

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM
** THE MOTION PASSED 4-0 (MS. YOUNG WS NOT PRESENT).**

A) Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Norwalk Hospital Foundation for the use of Calf Pasture Beach for their annual WCC (Whittingham Cancer Center) Walk/Run to be held Saturday May 16, 2020 from 7:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. Set up to begin by 5:00 AM with tear down no later than 2:00 PM on Saturday May 16, 2020. Estimated Attendance 2,000.

B) Approve the use of the Show Mobile by the Norwalk Hospital Foundation for their annual WCC (Whittingham Cancer Center) Walk/Run to be held Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 7:30 AM – 12 NOON.

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED THE ITEM**

Mr. Corsello asked if anyone was present to speak about this event. Nobody was on hand so the item was tabled.

V NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with JS Endurance for the use of Veteran's Park for SONO ½ Marathon/5K to be held Sunday October 4, 2020 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Set up begin at 10:00 AM with tear down no later than 2:00 PM on Sunday October 4, 2020. Estimated Attendance 1,400.**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

The representative said this past year was the sixth year made and they made some changes and everything went well. He said they changed the course and moved from a Saturday to a Sunday.

Mr. Corsello said he heard nothing but positive comments about the event.

Mr. Tsaranides asked why the day was changed. He explained Saturday is a busier day for traffic and the old route went by a lot of churches and the new route is up into Rowyaton and back down into East Norwalk.

Mr. Corsello said it is a great way to showcase our city. The representative said for the 5K route we will have to watch what is going down with the Walk Bridge Project.

**** MOTION PASSED UNAMIOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello told the representative he needs to attend the next Council Meeting on November 26.

- 2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Greenwich Kennel Club/Longshore Southport Kennel Club for use of Taylor Farm for their 88th Greenwich Kennel Club AKC Dog Show, Obedience & Rally Trials and Longshore/Southport Kennel Club AKC Dog Show to be held Saturday June 6, 2020 and Sunday June 7, 2020 from 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM. Set up to take place at 6:00 AM on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 with tear**

down no later than 12:00 Noon on Monday, June 8, 2020. Estimated attendance 1,000

Ms. Young entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

A representative was present and said they were nominated as one of the three top AKC Dog Shows in the country. She said it will probably be televised on the AKC television channel and on FOX as well.

Mr. Roberts asked when they will know if it will be televised. She said probably a month before. He said they may want to make a notation in the contract.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello said it will be addressed at the next Council Meeting on November 26.

A) Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. for the San Vincenzo Park Playground Equipment and Installation for a sum not to exceed \$44,596.75. Account #'s 0917-6030-5777-C0364 \$3,586.25, 0918-6030-5777-C0364 \$21,760.85, 0919-0630-5777-C0364 \$19,249.65.

B) Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to issue change order to M.E. O'Brien & Sons, Inc. for San Vincenzo Park Playground Equipment and Installation for a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00 Account #0919-6030-5777-C0364

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

Mr. Roberts said San Vincenzo was in our Capital Plan to redo the playground to resurface and replace the structure.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into licensing agreements with the following artists Lizzie Rockwell, Carlos Davila and Jahmane West, together with Redevelopment Agency and Housing Authority for Art Installation in Ryan Park.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

Mr. Pardo said there are actually more artists and two more pieces of art by Duvian Montoya and Ralph Santella. Mr. Roberts said the Arts Commission approved it in

September. The representative said the doors will be at different entrances at the park and will be mounted. Mr. Pardo said the bases will be handled by an engineer.

Mr. Kydes asked who is paying for this and what will the maintenance be for the basketball court. Mr. Roberts explained the Redevelopment Agency is paying for the project. Mr. Pardo said they looked at a similar court in New Rochelle. He said it will wear like any other basketball court and should last 5 years.

Ms. Smyth asked about wear and tear regarding the doors. Mr. Pardo said the doors as well are expected to last 5 years.

Mr. Roberts said this will not take be completed until spring.

Ms. Smyth asked how long it will take. Mr. Pardo said the court will take 4 days and the doors will be done by spring. Mr. Roberts said the court will be pressure washed before the court is painted.

Ms. Young thanked Mr. Pardo and Mr. Dumas for their efforts.

**** MOTION PASSED UNAMIOULSY**

Mr. Corsello suggested tabling items IV 2A and 2B.

**** MR. KYDES MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ITEMS IV 2A and 2B**

**** MOTION PASSED UNAMIOUSLY**

Mr. Tsiranides made a motion to suspend the rules to add the following item:

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with Norwalk Board of Education and The Maritime Aquarium for the use of Veterans Park for the their Annual Norwalk River Fun Run to be held Saturday, December 7, 2020 from 8:00 AM – 10 AM with rain date of Sunday, December 8, 2020. Estimated Attendance 300-400

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED THE ITEM**

Mr. Liberatore a physical education teacher at Rowayton Elementary School spoke about the event. He said he believes it's the 29th year of the Norwalk River Fun Run. It will start at Veteran's Park and run over the Stroffolino Bridge and end in the Maritime Aquarium parking lot to promote fitness in the Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

****MOTION PASSED UNAMIOUSLY**

Mr. Corsello concluded by stating this is his last meeting chairing this committee and thanked everybody including Mr. Roberts for his assistance.

**** MS. SMYTH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Venuto

Telesco Secretarial Services