

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Richard McQuaid, Chairman; Laurel Lindstrom, John Tobin, Richard Bonenfant, Fred Bondi (7:12 p.m.)

STAFF: Michael Mocciae, Recreation and Parks Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McQuaid called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2010

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2010
** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21,2010 AS
SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute a 5 year lease with the Norwalk Small Craft Safety Training Program, Inc. d/b/a Norwalk Sailing School for the use of the grounds at Calf Pasture Beach.

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Mocciae said that the program has been running for many, many years and there were no changes with the program. Mr. Bonenfant asked how the out of town residents had access to the beach area. Mr. Mocciae explained that they were given an off-season sticker.

**** THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO
EXECUTE A 5 YEAR LEASE WITH THE NORWALK SMALL CRAFT SAFETY
TRAINING PROGRAM, INC. D/B/A NORWALK SAILING SCHOOL FOR THE
USE OF THE GROUNDS AT CALF PASTURE BEACH PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute a five year lease agreement with Tyrone Martylewski for the Caretakers Cottage Cranbury Park. Term 5 years 5% each year increase:

2010-2011 \$1,098.76

2011-2012	\$1,153.69
2012-2013	\$1,211.37
2013-2014	\$1,271.93
2014-2015	\$1,335.52

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

Approve the use of the Pavilion and immediate surrounding grounds at Cranbury Park by the Norwalk Senior Center for their annual Picnic to be held Thursday, September 16, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 200.

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve the use of Calf Pasture Beach by the Human Services Council/Norwalk Mentor Program for their end of the Year Celebration to be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 375-400.

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

Approve the use of the Gallaher Estate and the immediate surrounding grounds at Cranbury Park by Catherine Volette for a wedding to be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Estimated attendance: 125.

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED THE ITEM.**

There was a brief discussion regarding the set up details. Mr. Moccia suggested that the couple contact Anne Marie regarding the details.

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve the use of Rowayton Elementary School grounds by the Rowayton Civic Association for their Annual Rowayton Nativity Pageant to be held Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 100+

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

Approve the use of Witch Park for parking by the Rowayton Civic Association during the River Ramble to take place Sunday, July 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Condition maximum 50 cards at any one time as well as alternate locations in case of rain.

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Moccia commented that sometimes Witch Park is needed for parking, other times it is not.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with the South Norwalk Community Center, Inc. for their use of Columbus Magnet School grounds for the Annual Summer Camp to be held from Thursday, July 6, 2010 through Friday, August 13, 2010 – Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 110-125.

**** MR. BONDI MOVED THE ITEM.**

It was noted that the start date is actually Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Mr. Moccia said that the program has been running for years.

**** THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH NORWALK COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. FOR THEIR USE OF COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP TO BE HELD FROM THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2010 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010 – MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 110-125.**

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to enter into an agreement with Stew Leonard's to utilize Andrew's Field Parking area for employees to use for the following dates:

May, 8, 9, 20, 28, 29, 30 2010
July 1, 2, 3, 2010
September 4, 5, 2010
November 20, 21, 24, 25, 2010
December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 23, 24, 31, 2010

**** MR. BONDI MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Bonenfant said that this item had never made it before the full Council and that he would like to have it discussed by the Council Members. Mr. Bonenfant then complimented Stew Leonard's for their good relationship with Recreation and Parks.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve the use of Gallaher Estate and immediate surrounding grounds at Cranbury Park by Ruth Horowitz for a Bat Mitzvah Brunch to be held Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 125.

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve the use of (1) Tennis Court at Dunbar Field (Broad River) for use by Winston Preparatory School on Thursday's starting September 6, 2010 through November 4, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 10.

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED THE ITEM.**

It was noted that there was no one present from Winston Preparatory to answer questions.

**** MR BOND MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION TO TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve the use of the Pavilion and immediate surround grounds at Cranbury park by Charkit Chemical for a Company Picnic to be held Friday, July 18, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 100.

Mr. Mocciae announced that this item has been removed from the agenda.

Approve the use of Calf Pasture Beach by the Lewisboro Recreation Department for several camp trips to take place Friday, July 23, 2010 fro 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Friday, July 30, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 200 and 120 respectively.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED THE ITEM.**

Mr. Mocciae said that the groups had been at the beach before and that they enjoy it a great deal. Mr. McQuaid said that the program was well run and well supervised.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approve the use of Testa Field Norwalk High School for a Soccer Tournament to be held Sunday, July 4, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Estimated 100 participants. Subject to all fees, no cooking on the grounds.

Mr. Mocciaie said that this item had been removed from the agenda.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Bondi said that he wanted to discuss the Norwalk Sailing School. He said that he was concerned about the length of the contract because of the plans to renovate the bath houses. Mr. Mocciaie pointed out that when the renovation of the bath houses started, there would still be a number of groups on site, such as the Coast Guard, the Harbor Master and the Fire Department.

Mr. Bondi then asked if this group would be charged a fee for using the beach. Mr. Mocciaie said that it was a non-profit group. Mr. Bondi suggested a minimal fee. He added that there had been a problem with littering in the past. Mr. McQuaid pointed out that this item had already been voted on and suggested that further discussions be held on the Council floor.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

Approve the use of (1) Tennis Court at Dunbar Field (Broad River) for use by Winston Preparatory School on Thursday's starting September 6, 2010 through November 4, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Estimated attendance 10.

**** MR. TOBIN MOVED TO TAKE THE ITEM OFF THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Mocciaie said that this school is at the old Vitam Center and they are looking to rent a tennis court at Dunbar. There will only be 10 students at the most. This school is for students with learning disabilities and they are looking to expand their afternoon activities. The school would also like to focus on community service.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF (1) TENNIS COURT AT DUNBAR FIELD (BROAD RIVER) FOR USE BY WINSTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL ON THURSDAYS'S STARTING SEPTEMBER 6, 2010 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4, 2010 FROM 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 10. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION CONT'D

Mr. Bonenfant said that he had received an email from someone who had rented West Rocks field for an event, but now wishes to move it to Veteran's Park. Both Mr. McQuaid and Mr. Mocciaie pointed out that the event approval was for West Rocks and couldn't be switched.

The discussion then moved to a letter that had been received from a resident regarding the replacement of the benches at the beach. A petition with 200 signatures about this issue had been included. Mr. Mocciaie said that the old benches were falling apart and that the new arrangement will have a table and seating for four. He added that many people don't realize that there will actually be more seating when the installation is completed.

Ms. Lindstrom asked about a recent incident at Cranbury Park when two wedding guests were injured during a wind storm. The ceremony had been moved from the tent to the tea garden. The top of a live red cedar tree snapped off and hit some of the guests.

Ms. Lindstrom then asked about the Veteran's Park Master Plan. Mr. Mocciaie then gave a brief overview of the process and a tentative time line.

The discussion then moved to the payments from the FEMA group as a result of the March windstorm. Mr. Mocciaie said that the City has been having weekly meetings with the FEMA team.

Following this, the discussion turned to where the June and July meetings would be held. Ms. Lindstrom requested a monthly calendar with all of the events on it.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BONDI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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