

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 14, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Jerry Petrini, Chair; Faye Bowman; Shannon O'Toole Giandurco;
John Kydes; Michelle Maggio; David McCarthy; Eloisa
Melendez

STAFF: Michael Moccia, Director

OTHERS: Diane Beltz Jacobson; Katherine Price Snedaker

I ROLL CALL

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

II MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS. BOWMAN)**

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

IV OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

V NEW BUSINESS

- ** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE – JANUARY 14, FEBRUARY 11, MARCH 11, APRIL 8, MAY 13, JUNE 10, JULY 8, AUGUST 12, SEPTEMBER 9, OCTOBER 14, NOVEMBER TO BE DETERMINED, DECEMBER 9, 2015.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MARADA BOU FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

Ms. Bou was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Mocciae noted that there are no weekend days left for 2015.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY CINDEE BROADIE AND MIKE BURNS FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015 FROM 2:00 PM –11:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

Cindee Broadie and Mike Burns were present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY KATE DEMKIW-ORMAN AND NICHOLAS DEBRIZZI III FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

Kate Demkiw-Orman and Nicholas DeBrizzi were present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. Approve the use of the Gallaher Estate and immediate surrounding grounds by Sikoyia Bennett for an "All White Gala" to be held Sunday, July 5, 2015 from 5:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight. Estimated attendance 450-500.

No one was present to represent the All White Gala.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS**

BY DANIELLE MONTAGUE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 FROM 12:00 NOON – 9:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 175.

Danielle Montague was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY SARAH SIZENSKY FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 130.**

Sarah Sizensky was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. Approve the use of the Gallaher Estate and immediate surrounding grounds by Madeline Holly for a Wedding Reception to be held Saturday, May 23, 2015 from 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM. Estimated attendance 100.

There was no one present to represent Madeline Holly's wedding reception.

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY THE NORWALK LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THEIR LEAGUE PICNIC TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.**

Dan Balliett was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER OF MID FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR A "5K ROAD RACE" TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. SET-UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:00 AM SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100+**

Marissa Mangone was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini notified Ms. Mangone that she will have to go to the January 27th Common Council meeting.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG LIFE NORWALK TO USE CALF PASTURE BEACH AND TENTED PAVILIONS FOR THE SPLATTER RUN 2015 TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015 FROM 9:30 AM – 12:00 NOON WITH SET-UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 7:00 AM ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015 WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400-600.**

Scott Bradley was present. He said that this is their second year; they had about 300 participants last year.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini notified Mr. Bradley that he will have to go to the January 27th Common Council meeting.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE TO USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY EDWARD/BARB/PATRICK MEYER FOR A FAMILY REUNION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015 FROM 12:00 NOON – 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 125.**

Barbara Meyer was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE VETERANS PARK PARKING AREA BY THE MARITIME AQUARIUM AT NORWALK FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHOCOLATE EXPO TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015 FROM 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015.**

David Truedson was present.

Ms. O'Toole Giandurco asked why they were requesting a rain date since everything is indoors. Mr. Truedson said that they wanted that in case it snowed.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LIVE GREEN CONNECTICUT TO USE TAYLOR FARM FOR THE "LIVE GREEN CONNECTICUT" TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 FROM 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 WITH SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 AT 9:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,500.**

Daphne Dixon was present. She said that this is their sixth year.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini notified Ms. Dixon that she will have to go to the January 27th Common Council meeting.

Mr. Petrini asked if anyone was here for items 5 and 8. No one was present.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION I AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS AT CRANBURY PARK BY THE NORWALK JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 350+**

A representative from the Norwalk Junior Soccer Association was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE GIANDURCO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MILAN'S EXPERT RENOVATION INC. FOR PROJECT #3507 ROOF REPLACEMENT – GALLAHER MANOR HOUSE MANSION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$412,994.00 ACCOUNT #09156030-5777-C0366**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS TO MILAN'S EXPERT RENOVATION INC. FOR PROJECT #3507 ROOF REPLACEMENT – GALLAHER MANOR HOUSE MANSION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.00. ACCOUNT #0915-6030-5777-C0366

Mr. Mocciae explained that this is a very time sensitive issue. There is a two month lead time to order the slate. This work needs to get done before the weddings start. The bids came back yesterday and they met with the contractors today. He said that he increased the change order amount because there may be some unknowns. He said that they are under budget.

Mr. Kydes asked if there is any hazardous waste abatement. Mr. Mocciae said that there is no high hazardous waste on the exterior. He said that he needs to get this contract out as soon as it is approved.

**** MOTION PASSED TO MOVE THESE ITEMS TO THE FULL COMMON COUNCIL**

VI. DISCUSSION:

1. Concussion Policy

Mr. Moccia said that Norwalk would be the first municipality in the State to address the loophole in the concussion law. Ms. Diane Beltz Jacobson distributed the impact of the law. Ms. Snedaker said that two years ago she began addressing concussions in youth sports. She said that this is part of a US movement to cover high school students. She said that there is a 40 member team looking at this issue, but it is a municipality issue. She said that this is being done in other municipalities, except in Connecticut.

Ms. Snedaker said that the youngest kids have the least experienced coaches. She said that coaches need to do a 30 minute free on-line course that is put out by the CDC. She added that the certification is free and done on an annual basis.

Ms. Beltz Jacobson explained how she drafted the guidelines. She said that anyone or any program that wants a permit will have to comply with the concussion policy. All outside groups have to have training, even for one day events.

Ms. Bowman said that there are enough hoops that people have to jump through. She said that this policy is broad. Mr. Kydes asked about a situation where a child is injured, but can't afford to see a doctor. Ms. Snedaker said that they can go to the school nurse. Ms. Beltz Jacobson said that a key component is that the parents are informed.

Following the discussion, the Committee members said that they would like more time to review the policy. Mr. Mocciaie suggested that if anyone has questions, to forward them to Ms. Beltz Jacobson before the next meeting. He said that he will provide this information to all of the Common Council members for their review and input.

2. Operating/Capital Budgets

Mr. Mocciaie said that he needs to increase the department by at least two positrons.

3. Update on on-going Capital Projects

Mr. Mocciaie said that he has one vehicle to do all of the footpaths in Norwalk. He said that the launch ramps are on top of the capital project list. The Committee members reviewed the project list.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services