

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS
AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Jerry Petrini, Chair; John Kydes; David McCarthy;
Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco; Eloisa Melendez (7:04 p.m.);
Faye Bowman (7:07 p.m.)

STAFF: Michael Mocciae, Director Recreation and Parks

OTHERS: Diane Beltz Jacobson; Katherine Price Snedaker

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2015

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Melendez joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO 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**

Ms. Sikoyia Bennett was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

NEW BUSINESS

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK KIWANIS CLUB FOR THE USE OF THE NORWALK CITY HALL PARKING LOT FOR A "BICYCLE RODEO" (BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION) TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015 FROM 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. SET UP SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015 AT 7:00 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200+**

Ms. Paula Conte was present and explained that due to the costs involved, they hold this event every other year. She described the events that take place during the Bicycle Rodeo.

Ms. Bowman joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Conte that she will need to attend the February 24th Common Council meeting.

Approve the use of the Gallaher Estate and immediate surrounding grounds by Brian Kelly for a Wedding to be held Friday, July 3, 2015 from 3:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight. Estimated attendance 100.

No one was present at this time.

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR "PRIDE IN THE PARK" TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 FROM 12:00 NOON - 6:00 PM. SET UP SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 AT 6:00 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200 - 300.**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE TRIANGLE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THEIR "PRIDE IN THE PARK" TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 AT MATHEWS PARK

Mr. Joe Federici was present.

Ms. Melendez said that she went to the event last year and it was an amazing event. She said that she was excited that they are doing this again.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Federici that he will need to attend the February 24th Common Council meeting.

Approve the use of the Oyster Shell Park by REM Capoeira Norwalk for a Brazilian Culture and Dance event to be held Friday, June 12, 2015 from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Estimated attendance 40.

No one was present for this item.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CALF PASTURE BEACH BY THE NORWALK YMCA FOR THEIR SUMMER CAMP TO TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY'S, JUNE 26, 2015, JULY 10, 2015, JULY 17, 2015, JULY 24, 2015, JULY 31, 2015, AUGUST 7, 2015, AUGUST 14, 2015, AUGUST 21, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE PER DAY 100**

A representative was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK YMCA FOR THE USE OF THE SILVERMINE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR THEIR SUMMER CAMP TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015 FROM 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM (MONDAY - FRIDAY). ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150**

A representative was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed the representative that she will need to attend the February 24th Common Council meeting.

**** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE**

LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM FOR THEIR ANNUAL VICTORIAN ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015 FROM 12:00 NOON - 5:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015 AT 9:00 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM FOR THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR THEIR 8TH ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED FLEA MARKET TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 FROM 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 AT 9:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THE 12:00 NOON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 3,000+

Mr. Andrew Garfinkle was present. He explained that this is their second year holding the Victorian Ice Cream Social, after a 20 year hiatus. He asked about using the Show Mobile and Mr. Mocciae said that he will check to see if it is available.

Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco said that she attended the event last year, and it was fabulous.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Garfinkle that he will need to attend the February 24th Common Council meeting.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CT YANKEE COUNCIL BSA FOR THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS FOR A CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP TO THE HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 10 THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015 FROM 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM DAILY. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE EACH DAY 100**

Ms. Karen Caiati was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Caiati that she will have to attend the February 24th Common Council meeting.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK**

**AND ATLAS PYROVISION PRODUCTIONS INC. DATED MAY 31, 2013
TO ATLAS PYRO VISION ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC.
PURSUANT TO A CORPORATE MERGER, AND AUTHORIZE THE
MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONSENT TO
ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENT EVIDENCING THE CITY'S CONSENT TO
THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE WRITTEN
AGREEMENT**

Mr. Mocciae explained that they changed their name. This is the company that does the fire works.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR,
HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
FLOTILLA 72 CORPORATION A/K/A UNITED STATE COAST GUARD
AUXILIARY FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY AT CALF PASTURE
BEACH FOR A 5 YEAR TERM TO COMMENCE APRIL 1, 2015 -
MARCH 30, 2020. SAME TERMS AS PREVIOUS AGREEMENT**

Mr. Joseph Lovas was present. He said that there has been an agreement in place since 1946.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Lovas that he will need to attend the February 24th Common Council meeting.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W.
RILLING TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK
SMALL CRAFT SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM, INC. FOR A 5 YEAR
TERM TO COMMENCE JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. SAME
TERMS AS PREVIOUS AGREEMENT**

A representative was present.

Mr. Mocciae explained that this program was going defunct in 1985 until the representative's father took it over.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION:

City of Norwalk Recreation Department Concussion Guidelines for Youth Athletics

The Committee members reviewed the Concussion Guidelines for Youth Athletics. Ms. Price Snedaker explained that the most vulnerable children have the least resources to handle head injuries. She said that she does not want to make it hard on parents who are challenged economically. She said that since the beginning of this school year, there have been 75 documented concussions; 20 of which were girls.

The Committee members reviewed the Concussion Aware and Prepared Proposal for Norwalk Parks and Rec. Ms. Price Snedaker explained that the coaches take a free on line course to get a CDC certificate. Mr. Mocciae said that the theme of this is education and has no problem enacting this in the spring. He said that he can send letters to the leagues next week.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY BRIAN KELLY FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100**

Mr. Brian Kelly was present.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION – (continued)

City of Norwalk Recreation Department Concussion Guidelines for Youth Athletics

The Committee members discussed the parental waiver and agreed on 10 days.

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD CITY OF NORWALK RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONCUSSION GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH ATHLETICS AS AN ACTION ITEM AND FORWARD TO THE COMMON COUNCIL**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE CITY OF NORWALK RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONCUSSION**

**GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH ATHLETICS TO TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL
15, 2015 AND MOVE IT TO THE FULL COMMON COUNCIL ON
FEBRUARY 24 2015**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services