

**CITY OF NORWALK  
RECREATION, PARKS AND  
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 8, 2015  
FODOR FARM (THE BARN)  
328 FLAX HILL ROAD**

ATTENDANCE: Jerry Petrini, Chair; Faye Bowman; John Kydes; David McCarthy;  
Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco

STAFF: Michael Mocciaie, Director

OTHERS: Katherine Snedaker, Executive Director, Pink Concussions

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**FEES AND CHARGES**

Mr. Petrini opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. He asked three times if anyone wished to speak about the fees and charges. Hearing no one, he closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

- \*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO BEGIN THE MEETING AT 6:48 P.M.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Petrini called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. and called the Roll. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- \*\* MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE BY CHANELLE VITALE FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016 FROM 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 160.**

MS. Vitale was present.

- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Vitale that she does not need to go to the Common Council meeting.

- \*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATE FUN RUN, INC. TO USE THE GALLAHER ESTATE AND GROUNDS FOR A "CORPORATE FUN RUN FAIRFIELD COUNTY 5K TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015 AT 10:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 490.**

Mr. Bruce Pienney was present. He explained that this is an after work, company team building event.

- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Pienney that he will need to attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH NORWALK ARTS CELEBRATION, INC. DBA SONO ARTS CELEBRATION FOR THE USE OF 50 WASHINGTON PARK FOR EXHIBITS, VETERANS PARK FOR OVERFLOW PARKING AS WELL AS OYSTER SHELL PARK FOR ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS. THE SONO CELEBRATION TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015, SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY AUGUST, 14, 2015 AT 7:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 15,000 – 20,000.**

Mr. Kevin Bowler was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Bowler that he will need to attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR**

Mr. Mocciaie said that the fees and charges will remain the same as last year.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NATASHA KAPUTA AND ROBERT VALENTI FOR A WEDDING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 FROM 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 220.**

Ms. Natasha Kaputa and Mr. Robert Valenti were present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed them that they will not have to attend the Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS AT CRANBURY PARK BY THE NORWALK MENTOR PROGRAM TO HOST A MENTOR/MENTEE END OF THE YEAR PICNIC TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015 FROM 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

Ms. Nancy Pratt was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Pratt that she did not have to attend the Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS AT CRANBURY PARK BY THE NAA GIRLS SOFTBALL FOR A SOFTBALL PICNIC TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 FROM 8:00 AM 0 4:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.**

Mr. Mocciae noted that they attended last month's Committee meeting.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARCHING BEARS INC. TO USE ANDREWS FIELD PARKING LOT FOR A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 FROM 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM AND SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015 FROM 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015 AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY JUNE, 15, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000.**

Mr. Chuck Goulart was present. This is their fourth year holding this event.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Goulart that he will need to attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF VETERANS PARK BY THE SIDE BY SIDE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR A FIELD DAY TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015 FROM 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM WITH A RAIN DATE OF FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 235.**

A representative was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed the representative that he would not have to attend the Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MS. BOWMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STEPPING STONES MUSEUM FOR CHILDREN TO USE THE GREAT LAWN AT MATHEWS PARK FOR A WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 FROM 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 3,000.**

Ms. Manirah Agans was present. They have been doing this event for at least five years.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Agans that she will need to attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NORWALK TO USE TAYLOR FARM FOR THEIR ANNUAL NORWALK EXCHANGE ANTIQUE CAR SHOW TO BE HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015 FROM 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 AT NOON WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN NOON ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015. RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 500+.**

**AND TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE NORWALK EXCHANGE CLUB FOR THEIR ANNUAL NORWALK EXCHANGE ANTIQUE CAR SHOW TO BE HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015.**

Mr. Joseph Tamburro and Mr. Rick Tavella were present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Tamburro and Mr. Tavella that they will need to attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

**\*\* MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CURRIE TIRE TO USE THE GROUNDS AT MATHEWS PARK FOR A SAVE THE CHILDREN FUNDRAISER CONCERT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 AT NOON WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 10:00 PM ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 2,000+. RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015.**

**AND TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY CURRIE TIRE FOR A SAVE THE CHILDREN FUNDRAISER CONCERT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 FROM 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM ON THE GROUNDS OF MATHEWS PARK.**

Mr. Tim Currie was present.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Currie that he will need to attend the April 14<sup>th</sup> Common Council meeting.

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling to enter into an agreement with CT Yankee Council BSA for the use of the grounds and Pavilion at Cranbury Park for a Cub Scout Day Camp to take place Monday – Friday, August 10 – 14, 2015 from 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Estimated attendance 100.

This item was not discussed.

**DISCUSSION**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NAMING THE RECENTLY ADOPTED CONCUSSION GUIDELINES AFTER JONATHAN BROWN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Snedaker said that she knew Jonathan Brown, who was killed in a dirt bike accident during his junior year in college and wanted to remember him. She said that his brother wrote his bio and his family wants to remember him in a sports context.

Ms. Snedaker said that most concussion guidelines have a name attached to them. His family is agreeable and there are no monetary requirements. She said that she appreciates the efforts of Mr. Mocciae and this Committee to approve the guidelines. Mr. Mocciae added that the leagues have no problem with the guidelines.

Ms. Snedaker said that his twin brothers will be graduating from Brien McMahon this year and she would like to be about to announce this before they graduate.

Mr. Petrini said that he would like this to be voted on by the full Common Council. He said that he does not believe there are any restrictions, but wants to be sure. Mr. Mocciae noted that other events have been named after people.

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:19 p.m/

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services