

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION PARKS &
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2015**

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

STAFF: Michael Mocciae, Director

OTHERS: Katherine Snedaker, Executive Director, Pink Concussions

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2015

No action was taken on the minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Nancy Rosetti, Main Avenue spoke in support of the geese control. She thanked Mr. Mocciae and his team for making the parks enjoyable, but the population of Canada geese spoils the experience at Calf Pasture Beach. She spoke about the unsanitary conditions due to the fecal matter left by the geese.

Mr. Buck Millinger, President of the Sono Switch Tower expressed concern about approving a portion of the park adjacent to the Switch Tower for the use of a trash waste enclosure. He submitted photographs showing the trash in the park.

Mr. John Garafolo, volunteer at the Sono Switch Tower said that he sweeps the park each weekend and described the type of trash he finds in the park. He said that there is no respect for the park. He said that they try to be good neighbors and asked that 79 Washington Street also be good neighbors.

There were no other members of the public who wished to speak and public participation was closed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE RYAN PARK BY THE IGLESIA BAUTISTA EMANUEL CHURCH FOR A SERVICE TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015 FROM 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

Ms. Maria Quiles was present.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Quiles that she does not need to go before the Common Council.

- ** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY PILAR RODRIQUEZ FOR A WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016 FROM 3:00 PM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 125.**

Ms. Pilar Rodriguez was present.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Rodriguez that she does not need to go before the Common Council.

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY JOSEPH RUMOR III FOR A WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 FROM 3:00 PM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 110.**

Mr. Joseph Rumor was present.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Rumor that he did not need to go before the Common Council.

- ** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY JAKE SABATO FOR A WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016 FROM 3:00 PM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 180.**

Mr. Jake Sabato was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Sabato that he did not need to go before the Common Council.

5. Approve the use of Cranbury Park Gallaher Estate and immediate surrounding grounds by Polly Torrence for a Wedding to be held Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 2:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Estimated attendance 200.

No one was present for this item and no action was taken.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAM JESSE FOUNDATION FOR A 9/11 HEROES RUN - TRAVIS MANION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 FROM 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM AT THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE 7:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 250.**

Mr. Matt Corey was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Mr. Corey that he will need to go before the Common Council on June 23, 2015.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION BY PUNCH GYM OF NORWALK FOR A BATTLE OF THE BELLES VI TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015 FROM 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100+.**

Ms. Stefanie Tropea was present. Ms. Tropea explained that this is an all women, strong women competition and their purpose is to raise money for breast cancer research. This is their sixth year.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Tropea that she did not need to go before the Common Council.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER ESTATE AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY SUN PRODUCTS CORPORATION FOR A SUMMER EMPLOYEE PICNIC TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 FROM 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 200.**

Ms. Lisa Edwards was present.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed Ms. Edwards that she did not need to go before the Common Council.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT YANKEE COUNCIL BSA FOR THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM FOR A SCOUT FIELD DAY RECRUITMENT CAMPING TO BE HELD FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015 - AUGUST 30, 2015. SET UP TO TAKE PLACE AT 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2015 AT 4:30 PM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100+.**

Mr. Michael Lovell and another representative were present.

Mr. Lovell explained that they are planning an overnight jamboree recruitment event. This is their first year. Scouts can join in first grade.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Petrini informed the representatives that they will need to go before the Common Council on June 23, 2015.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF A SMALL PORTION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY BY BRUCE GALL ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY TO BUILD A 4' X 16' TRASH/WASTE ENCLOSURE FOR BUILDING #79 WASHINGTON STREET. PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED DIAGRAM. IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO MAINTAIN THE CONTAINER (CARPENTRY - GRAFFITI) AND TO PROVIDE INSURANCE ON CITY PROPERTY.**

Mr. Bruce Gall gave an overview of the history of what transpires on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. He said that either he or one of his employees goes to the property and removes the garbage and brings it to the dump. On Saturday, Sono Pizza hires a private collector and on Sunday there is no place to take the garbage. He said that he tries to keep Washington Street clean and free of debris.

Mr. Gall said that Mr. Alvord and Mr. Schwartz contacted him to try and determine a better means to remove the trash. He said that Mr. Alvord offered to allow him to build the trash container and told him to apply for a permit. He said that he was told the permit was approved, but after two weeks did not get the permit. He was told to move forward with the trash container; however, he was contacted by Mr. Mocciaie and told to stop.

Mr. Gall said that part of the problem is that visitors drop their trash and leave it. He said that he had an architect draw the trash bin; it will be well maintained and will help keep the area clean. He said that he has always cooperated with the City to remove the trash on a daily basis. He said that if there are problems, people should call him and he will be there in an hour to take care of the problem.

Ms. O'Toole-Giandurco asked if the trash container could be smaller. Mr. Gall said that it needs to be 16 feet, because there is no place to take the trash on Sunday. It needs to be that big to accommodate the trash from Saturday.

Mr. Petrini said that having an enclosure, rather than bags is a step in the right direction.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO A AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG DEVELOPERS, LLC FOR PROJECT #3552 ROOF REPLACEMENTS - MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BATHROOM FACILITIES CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$98,500. ACCOUNT #'S 09146030-5777-C0365, 09566030-5777-C0365, 016031-5585.**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO ISSUE CHANGE ORDERS ON PROJECT #3552 ROOF REPLACEMENTS - MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BATHROOM FACILITIES CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00. ACCOUNT #'S 09146030-5777-C0365, 09566030-5777-C0365, 016031-5585.

Mr. Mocciae explained that this project will start after Labor Day.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD TWO ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE PARKING LOT AT ANDREWS FIELD BY STEW LEONARD'S TO PARK EMPLOYEE VEHICLES JULY 2, 3, 4, 2015, NOVEMBER 24,25, 2015, DECEMBER 5,6,12,13,22,23,24, 2015, MARCH 25,26, 2016 AND MAY 7,8,28,29,30, 2016**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK BY "A BETTER SOUTH NORWALK" FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL SOUTH NORWALK COMMUNITY DAY TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015 FROM 10:00**

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**A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH A RAIN DATE OF SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015.
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150**

Ms. Dumas was in attendance. Mr. Mocciae explained that if they are having a “bouncy house”, they will need to have insurance.

Ms. Melendez encouraged everyone to attend this event.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION

Geese Control

Mr. Mocciae explained that they want to exhaust all plans before they eradicate the geese. They are doing a four month demo geese control. The company is already running the dogs at the beach. After four months, they will evaluate the program and then look for money in the next budget for a year round program. The cost is \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Naming the Concussion Guidelines for Jonathan Brown

Mr. Petrini explained that the concussion guidelines are in effect. A discussion ensued.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED THAT THE NORWALK CONCUSSION GUIDELINES BE DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN BROWN

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. O'TOOLE-GIANDURCO MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services