

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021.
REGULAR MEETING
7:00PM.**

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ATTENDANCE: Darlene Young, Chair; Thomas Keegan; John Kydes; George Tsiranides;
Manny Langella; Kadeem Roberts

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Acting Director, Parks and Recreation

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Young called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2021

**** MR. TSIRINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

****THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS- MR. LANGELLA AND MR. ROBERTS.**

**** MR. LANGELLA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ONTO THE AGENDA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Hughes read the following items into the record:

12 A) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH FOR THE RAVEIS RIDE AND WALK 2021 TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 FROM 7:00AM TO 2:00PM. SETUP TO BEGIN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021, AT 7:00AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 3:00PM ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400

12 B) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION 1 FOR THE RAVEIS RIDE AND WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2021, FROM 7:00AM TO 1:00PM ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400.

12 C) APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY THE WILLIAM RAVEIS CHARITABLE FUND FOR THE RAVEIS RIDE AND WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2021 FROM 7:00AM TO 2:00PM.

13 A) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF THE ARTS FOR USE OF MATHEWS PARK FOR BROADWAY IN THE PARK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021, SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021 FROM

5:00PM TO 7:00PM WITH SETUP TO BEGIN AT 4:30PM AND TEARDOWN BY 7:30PM ON EACH PERFORMANCE DATE. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 400-500.

13 B) APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOWMOBILE BY THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF ARTS FOR BROADWAY IN THE PARK ON SUNDAY AUGUST 22, 2021, AND SUNDAY AUGUST 29, 2021 FROM 5:00PM TO 7:00PM EACH DAY.

14) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE WITH TD SONS INC. FOR PROJECT# 4033 RNP 2020-2 WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX DATED OCTOBER 20, 2020 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000. ACCOUNT NUMBER NOTED.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The City of Norwalk reserves the right to cancel the Event for public health or safety reasons as determined by the City of Norwalk in its sole discretion. The City of Norwalk shall not be liable for damages arising from the cancellation of the Event.

- 1. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK GALLAHER MANSION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY CAROLINE LAGERLOEF FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 FROM 3:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100-150.**

**** MR. TSIRINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. APPROVE THE USE OF NARAMAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE LIGHTFOOT RUNNING CLUB FOR THEIR NORWALK SUMMER SERIES**

Mr. Roberts asked where at the school the race will take place. Mr. Hughes said they have a designated route that leaves from the school and returns to the school and they are working with the Police Department for traffic control.

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. 3 MINE ROAD RACE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE LIGHTFOOT RUNNING CLUB FOR THEIR NORWALK SUMMER SERIES 5 MILE ROAD RACE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY JULY 18, 2021 FROM 7:00AM – 9:30 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. APPROVE THE USE OF BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL BY THE LIGHTFOOT RUNNING CLUB FOR THEIR NORWALK SUMMER SERIES 7 MILE ROAD RACE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH BY THE LIGHTFOOT RUNNING CLUB FOR THEIR NORWALK SUMMER SERIES 9 MILE ROAD RACE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 7. APPROVE THE USE OF SILVERMINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE LIGHTFOOT RUNNING CLUB FOR THEIR NORWALK SUMMER SERIES 11 MILE ROAD RACE TO BE HELD AUGUST 29, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 100.**

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 8. APPROVE THE USE OF FOX RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE LIGHTFOOT RUNNING CLUB FOR THE SAM ELPERN MEMORIAL HALF MARATHON TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 11:30 AM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

**** MR. ROBERTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 9. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH BY MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP FOR THEIR TEAM BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE PROGRAMS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 300.**

Ms. Young asked how long the event has taken place. Mr. Hughes said at least for the past 12 years at Calf Pasture Beach and they run all sorts of activities for the kids and the kids look forward to the event every year, and there has not been any issues with the events. Mr. Tsirinides asked how many people attend the events. Mr. Hughes said between 30-40 kids at any one time. Mr. Roberts asked if the beach will remain open during the event. Mr. Hughes said “yes” and that the use the outfields of the softball fields.

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 10. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH BY MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP FOR THEIR TEAM BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE PROGRAMS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 150.**

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH BY MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP FOR THEIR TEAM BUILDING POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE PROGRAMS TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 FROM 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 90.

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Kydes joined the meeting at 7:15PM.

12. A) AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JS ENDURANCE FOR THEIR USE OF VETERANS PARK FOR THE SONO HALF/5K TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. SET UP TO BEGIN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 AT 9:00 AM WITH TEAR DOWN NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021. ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000 – 1,200.

Mr. James Whipple provided an overview of the event and said that it is the seventh year the event will be held, and that in 2019 the race was moved to a Sunday and the route was also changed and by doing that it was a great success. Ms. Young asked if the attendance is more or less than previous years. Mr. Whipple said that there is normally approximately 1500 attendees but the registration just opened a week ago and he is anticipating approximately 1000 attendees.

**** MR. TSIRINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B) APPROVE THE USE OF THE SHOW MOBILE BY JS ENDURANCE FOR THE SONO HALF/5K TO BE HELD AT VETERANS PARK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 FROM 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

**** MR. TSIRINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Mr. Andrew Rosati gave a brief overview of the event and said the event has been held since 2015 and has raised more than \$2.5 million dollars since then, and they will be following the same route as in 2019. Mr. Hughes said it is a good event for everyone. Mr. Tsirinides asked Mr. Rosati if he expects the same

participation. Mr. Rosati said “yes” and are anticipating approximately 400 participants but are also offering for people to participate virtually as people ease back into participating in events.

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Mr. Hughes said that the event was approved last month but was approved for Cranbury Park and since then the applicant had decided to change venues and to also increase the attendance.

Ms. Kate Guthrie gave a brief overview of the event and said they were originally anticipating 200 attendees for the event but there was so much interest in the event it was almost sold out the first two dates. She said they are trying to find additional parking which they were able to do.

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**14. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ADDENDUM
NUMBER ONE WITH TD SONS INC. FOR PROJECT# 4033 RNP 2020-2 WEST
ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX DATED 10/20/2020 FOR A
SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000. ACCOUNT NUMBER IS NOTED.**

Mr. Hughes said the soccer field construction project has been ongoing at West Rocks Middle School in which is hoping to be completed within the next two weeks and this is the only change order that there has been for the project and was due to a drainage issue and prior to this construction there was also a water issue in the back lower field so this repair will fix that issue as well and make the drainage better site wide.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Young said the Seaport Association has withdrawn their application for the Holiday Light Show. Mr. Langella said he hopes that the dialogue will continue to be open and he thought this would have been an amazing event. Mr. Tsirinides also said he thought the event was a good idea and he hopes that the Seaport Association will find a suitable location. Ms. Young said the Seaport Association has been around for a long time so whatever plan they come up with for a light show is always worth looking at and the difficult part for the committee is balancing those types of activities while upsetting residents.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd

