

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022.
REGULAR MEETING
7:00PM.**

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ATTENDANCE: Darlene Young, Chair; Thomas Keegan; John Kydes; Nicol Ayers; Jenn McMurrer; Lisa Shanahan

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Superintendent, Recreation and Parks

OTHERS: Monica Osorio; Jeff DeWitt; Catherine Kuzin; Stacey Kalmanidis; Fritz Gilmore

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2022

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MR. GOLDSTEIN.**

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 PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FOR THEIR BANQUET-BASEBALL EVENT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022, FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 4:00 PM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 9:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 110 PEOPLE.

Mr. Hughes said this is for the baseball banquet for the Norwalk High School baseball team. Mr. Keegan asked if the high school baseball team is charged a fee. Ms. Osorio said "yes" Mr. Hughes said that costs are accrued for staffing and garbage pick up so there is a fee charged.

**** MS. MC MURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FOR THEIR BANQUET-BASEBALL EVENT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022, FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 4:00 PM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 9:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 110 PEOPLE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVE THE USE OF TRACEY SCHOOL PARKING LOT AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY VFW POST 603 FOR THEIR AAA BIKE RODEO EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 7:30 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 1:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.

Mr. Hughes thanked Mr. Dewitt for all the work that he did for the Wall that Heals event at Veterans Park and that is an amazing thing for Norwalk, and he is very touched.

Mr. Dewitt provided a brief overview of the event and said that kids can come and get their bikes checked for safety and is geared for four- to twelve-year-old children and have partnered with bicycle companies in the area to donate bikes if their bike is found to be unsafe.

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF TRACEY SCHOOL PARKING LOT AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY VFW POST 603 FOR THEIR AAA BIKE RODEO EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, FROM 9:00 AM TO**

**1:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 7:30 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 1:00 PM.
APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

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**3. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND
IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY FACTSET RESEARCH
SYSTEMS FOR THEIR ANALYTICS & TRADING SUMMER KICK-OFF
EVENT TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022, FROM 12:00 PM
TO 4:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 11:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT
5:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

Ms. Kuzin provided a brief overview of the event and said that Factset has held several events at Cranbury Park over the years and would like to continue that tradition this year. Mr. Hughes said there has been no issues with these events in the past.

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK PAVILION
AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY FACTSET RESEARCH SYSTEMS FOR
THEIR ANALYTICS & TRADING SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022, FROM 12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 11:00
AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 5:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

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**4. APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK AND IMMEDIATE
SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY STEW LEONARD'S FOR THEIR
ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC EVENT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY
11, 2022, FROM 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 8:00 AM
WITH A TEAR-DOWN AT 7:00 PM. RAIN DATE: MONDAY, JULY 18,
2022. APPROXIMATELY 200-350 PEOPLE.**

Ms. Kalmanidis provided a brief overview of the event and said that Stew Leonard's has held their annual summer picnic event a few years ago and took a survey of the employees and they voted to stay local and have decided to come back to Cranbury Park this year.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CRANBURY PARK AND
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SUMMER PICNIC EVENT TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022, FROM 11:00 AM
TO 6:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 8:00 AM WITH A TEAR-DOWN AT 7:00 PM. RAIN
DATE: MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022. APPROXIMATELY 200-350 PEOPLE.**

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**5. APPROVE THE USE OF NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL AND IMMEDIATE
SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY ELS H.E.A.R.T. FOR THEIR WALK FOR
ELIJAH EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022, FROM
10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR-
DOWN AT 1:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

Mr. Gilmore provided a brief overview of the event and said that this is the seventh annual event in honor of their son that had passed away in 2016, and is to raise funds for scholarships for Norwalk

High and Brien McMahon High School. Ms. Young said that she is enamored by the work that Mr. Gilmore does in the city for young people, and she appreciates him and his family for what they do to give back through the legacy of their son.

****MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY ELS H.E.A.R.T. FOR THEIR WALK FOR ELIJAH EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022, FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 8:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 1:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

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6. APPROVE THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF THE ARTS FOR THEIR BROADWAY IN THE PARK EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 20 AND 27, 2022 FROM 3:30 PM TO 8:30 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 9:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 9:00 PM. RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 21 AND 28, 2022 (RAIN DATE). APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE.

The representative provided a brief overview of the event and said the first event was held last year and 250-300 had participated in the event each day and was a family event to enjoy Broadway musicals. Ms. McMurrer said that she and her family attended the event last year and that it was fun, and she is glad to see that it is back again this year.

****MS. AYERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF MATHEWS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY THE NORWALK CONSERVATORY OF THE ARTS FOR THEIR BROADWAY IN THE PARK EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 20 AND 27, 2022 FROM 3:30 PM TO 8:30 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 9:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 9:00 PM. RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 21 AND 28, 2022 (RAIN DATE). APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE.**

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7. APPROVE THE USE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY STAMFORD HS REUNION COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REUNION EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022, FROM 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 10:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 8:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.

Mr. Hughes said this is a reunion for Stamford High School and staff has no issues with this event.

MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE CRANBURY PARK PAVILION AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY STAMFORD HS REUNION COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REUNION EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022, FROM 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN AT 10:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 8:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.

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8. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH GEESE RELIEF LLC FOR GEESE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT CALF PASTURE BEACH AND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,900.00**

Mr. Hughes said for the past five years the city has employed Geese Relief LLC., for their geese management services at Veterans Park and Calf Pasture Beach and there is a noticeable difference in the geese when the dogs are used, and they are very responsive. He said the contract expired this year and they went out to competitive bid and chose Geese Relief LLC as the qualified vendor. He said the contract will be for three years and is \$3,000 less than the last contract.

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH GEESE RELIEF LLC FOR GEESE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT CALF PASTURE BEACH AND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$33,900.00**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. **AUTHORIZE THE RECREATION AND PARKS DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ISSUE THE TWO 1 YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSIONS ON THE GEESE RELIEF LLC CONTRACT.**

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE RECREATION AND PARKS DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ISSUE THE TWO 1 YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSIONS ON THE GEESE RELIEF LLC CONTRACT.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI **Discussion**

There was no discussion this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dilene Byrd

