



CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024.

REGULAR MEETING

7:00PM.



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ATTENDANCE: Darlene Young, Chair, Doug Sutton; Johan Lopez; Heather Dunn; Nicol Ayers;
Jenn McMurrer; Jalin Seed; Melissa Murray

ABSENT: Ms. Shanahan

STAFF: Robert Stowers, Director of Recreation and Parks; Ken Hughes, Superintendent,
Recreation and Parks

OTHERS:

Amanda Trimboli, Opo Herrera, Nancy Rossett, Ennette Esposito, Fritzsareth Gilmore, Christopher Brown, Alisha Scot; Mary Yorden; Tremain Gilmore

I. ROLL CALL

At roll call there were six (6) committee members present. A quorum was present.

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

II. MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2024

THE MINUTES WERE TABLED.

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris said his mother is a member of the senior center and pays her annual fee and enjoys the facility and has been a lifelong resident of Norwalk for 78 years and he doesn't think senior citizens who want to be out and active should be charged additional fees to play pickle ball and should be able to find something within our taxes.

Neb- 399 Main Avenue

Mr. Esayas expressed his sincere opposition to the pay to play system that the Parks Department is seeking to impose on people of Norwalk in a time where people across the city are struggling due to inflation, and the mere fact the department is looking to impose a new aggressive tax on citizens is incredibly disappointing. These new rules and associated fees are actually a slap in the face to people in the city, especially to the active members of the pickle ball community. These new unwanted fees and a scheduling system pose significant challenges and inconveniences for many people across in the city and create barriers and inhibit the spontaneous nature of sport and socialization as not everyone has their day planned out to the minute, and by opposing these changes you are disincentivizing people from just going out and being active especially the youngest and oldest people in our society. Aside from the inconveniences caused by the scheduling system there is also a cost and social impact and attempting to tax a sport that uniquely keeps citizens healthy and combats the epidemic of loneliness and obesity is absurd, and would argue that pickleball especially the spontaneous nature and randomness of who may play on any given day likely helps connect people in the community especially older people at a time when everyone needs just that. The rules and fees are prohibitive and instead of inviting people to exercise you are making life and sport expensive especially for the least fluent in the City of Norwalk and in his opinion charging people to use a public facility makes recreation a privilege and is not up to this committee to ration these resources. Furthermore, this scheduling system is squarely inconsistent with

how other fixed outdoor commonly used public facilities have historically been used and is clear due to its newfound popularity the city views pickle ball and recreation as a new source of revenue. He said he is not challenging that the city should charge for programs that have associated overhead such as staff and insurance but what he does challenge is the department seeking to charge people to utilize these fixed outdoor common public facilities, and you may argue that other cities in Fairfield County have such reservation systems and charge fees but we do not live in these towns and this plan is not in line with the city and in the time that he has played at Woodward Park he has never witnessed anyone being kept off the courts and part of being an athlete and a member of the community is being welcoming and members of the community should be trusted enough to be courteous, kind, and inclusive and he believes this new policy will needlessly create conflict at the court as people will argue about these rules and regulations and to the best of his knowledge there have been no incidents among patrons that warrants this intrusion. He asks that the council rejects this measure and revert to the system of open play by level that has been in effect for years and noted that a similar proposal was struck down at the senior center and if you note to support this measure he believes you will be directly contradicting many of the statements that have been made and is an opportunity to stand up behind the statements that were made about making Norwalk affordable, equitable, and engaging and putting people above profit.

Anna Tabashnik- 4 Gilbert Street

Ms. Tabashnik said that she does not play pickle ball or tennis on the courts so she cannot speak to experience, but in general it does not sound like a bad idea to do what is being proposed but asked that a better job be done in publicizing exactly what the issues have been over the past few years so the community can have a better sense of why this is happening other than a revenue source but thinks revenue sources are important. She also requested that one park or one set of courts could be reserved for free as a lot of seniors or others who play pickle ball may not have the same level of comfortability with online reservation systems.

Sharyn Taymor- Twin Ledge Road

Mr. Taymor said she and her husband are pickleball players and go to Woodward Park and love it there and have never had a problem with people not being able to play and don't agree with the proposal to charge residents or non-residents to play pickleball, and the other communities in Fairfield County are very envious of what we have here in Norwalk and has been a wonderful opportunity for them and would love to keep it that way.

1. APPROVE THE USE OF WOLFPIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY WOLFPIT SCHOOL FOR THEIR WOLFPIT PACK RAINBOW RUN EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, FROM 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 3:00 PM WITH TEAR-DOWN BETWEEN 5:00 PM. RAIN DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024. APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE.

Mr. Williams provided an overview of the event and said this is the first time the event will be held and currently has 60 participants that have signed up and includes children with their parents and are hoping

to get closer to 200 participants. She said there will be a fun run that will include stations with different types of exercises and will set up on the lower field.

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2. APPROVE THE USE OF WEST ROCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY OPO HERRERA FOR THEIR 3RD NORWALK CHILDREN BUSINESS FAIR EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, FROM 12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 11:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 2:30 PM.

Mr. Herrera provided an overview of the event and said this is the third Norwalk Children Business Fair and is a national event and children 6 through 16 are invited and come with a business idea and sell products. He said the purpose of the event is for kids to begin understanding the entrepreneurial mindset they should have as well as finances and marketing and the most important part they can understand business life at an early age. Ms. Young asked what the average attendance is. Mr. Herrera said usually there are 30-35 participants. Ms. Dunn asked if this event is run by an individual or by an organization or non-profit. Mr. Herrera said as of today his family runs the event.

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3. APPROVE THE USE OF OYSTER SHELL PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL FOR THEIR 2ND ANNUAL CELEBRATION EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024, FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 2:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 30 PEOPLE.

Ms. Rosett provided an overview of the event and said this is the second annual celebration of the Norwalk River Valley Trail and are planning to have a short ceremony beginning at 10:00AM and tables will be spread out between Union Park, Mathew's Park, and Oyster Shell Park to encourage the participants to explore more of the trail, and in addition there will be a lead walk, bird walk, bicycle ride, and run along the trail at various times throughout the day. Ms. Young asked if the average participation is

30 attendees. Ms. Rosett said it is hard to say because they don't require people to register beforehand and it is also weather dependent. Ms. Young said it sounds like a great event and to let the committee and staff know if there is anything they can do to help promote the event with more participation.

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4. APPROVE THE USE OF ROTON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY RYTE FOR THEIR FITNESS CELEBRATION EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024, FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 8:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 4:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 80 PEOPLE.

Mr. Gilmore provided a brief overview of the event and said this is under the umbrella of their non-profit organization called EJ's Heart which stands for reaching you through exercise and will be a field day and obstacle course, and medals will be given out and have 40 kids that will be participating in the event. Ms. Dunn asked where the kids would come from. Mr. Gilmore said they are all from Norwalk children that had attended their satellite sites. Ms. Dunn asked if there is an option for more children to attend. Mr. Gilmore said additional children are invited to attend as they want their program to grow and there will be waiver forms onsite.

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Mr. Seed joined the meeting at 7:25PM.

5. APPROVE THE USE OF BRIAN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL – SOFTBALL TURF AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THEIR READING OPENS THE WORLD- FIRST BOOK EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024, FROM 10:45 AM TO 3:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 5:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 2000 PEOPLE.

Ms. Yorden provided a brief overview of event and said this is the fourth year the first book event will be held, but the first year that it will be held at Brien McMahon High School and the gym will be open from 11:00AM to 3:00PM to members of the public who are with Norwalk Public School students and will be giving away \$50,000 worth of new books for ages pre-K and beyond, and are in both English and Spanish and are expecting between 1,000 and 2,000 participants. She said the event is presented by Norwalk Public Schools in collaboration with the Norwalk Federation of Teachers, e custodians union, the

administrators union, and the union of parent educators and classroom assistants for Norwalk Public Schools. She said there will also be a shuttle service to pick up families from Roton, Rowayton and Brookside Schools. Mr. Stowers said that staff met with the planning committee and went over their floor plan and will be a wonderful event.

Ms. Ayers thanked Ms. Yorden and her staff for bringing this event to the community and is an overwhelmingly joyous and beautiful event for the community and gets better every year. Ms. Young echoed Ms. Ayers comments and wished Ms. Yorden luck with the event.

**** MR. LOPEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF BRIAN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL – SOFTBALL TURF AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THEIR READING OPENS THE WORLD- FIRST BOOK EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024, FROM 10:45 AM TO 3:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN 5:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 2000 PEOPLE.**

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6. APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MTH PRODUCTIONS FOR THEIR KIDS FUN DAY EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 FROM 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 9:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 7:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.

Mr. Brown provided an overview of the event and said he has lived in Norwalk for the past 40 years and last year the first annal kids funday event was held and are looking to hold it again this year with just some minor changes from last years' event and will be giving away winter jackets and school supplies, and will be adding graduation appreciation day on June 15, 2024, where awards will be given to kids with good academics and their accomplishments in sports and there will also be a motivational speaker for those that will be going off to college. Mr. Stowers said the event went very well last year.

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MTH PRODUCTIONS FOR THEIR KIDS FUN DAY EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 FROM 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 9:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 7:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.**

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7. APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MTH PRODUCTIONS FOR THEIR KIDS FUN DAY EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 FROM 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 9:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 7:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE.

This was discussed under item 6 of the agenda.

**** MR. SUTTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF RYAN PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY MTH PRODUCTIONS FOR THEIR KIDS FUN DAY EVENT**

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- 8. APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY LUPUS ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR WALK TO END LUPUS NOW CT-NORWALK EVENT TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024, FROM 7:00 AM TO 6:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 6:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE.**

Ms. Scott provided a brief overview of the event and said this will be the eighth year the event will be held and raises critically needed funds for Lupus research and last met and exceeding their goal by raising over \$53,000 and are looking to do the same or better this year.

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF CALF PASTURE BEACH AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY LUPUS ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR WALK TO END LUPUS NOW CT-NORWALK EVENT TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024, FROM 7:00 AM TO 6:00 PM. SET-UP TIME BY 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN BY 6:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE.**

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- 9. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND PARKS TO PILOT A NEW RESERVATION SYSTEM FOR OUTDOOR TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURT USE VIA ACTIVENET. PROPOSED FEES: \$15.00 PER HOUR FOR RESIDENTS, AND \$25.00 PER HOUR FOR NON-RESIDENTS.**

Mr. Stowers said we do have a new reservation system which picks up all of the events and programs and this year have decided to have pickleball more structured. He said pickleball was started with some instructors at Woodward Park and was successful in terms of getting people out to play, but there were a lot of difficulties too because it was so open-ended and received a lot of complaints about people not being able to play and people monopolizing the courts, as well as non-residents playing and had always planned to develop rules of play and a code of conduct. He said his staff did research with similar size Recreation and Parks departments across the United States and based on that research the method that has been developed is the best starting point for the oversight. The department is committed to growing and adjusting the oversight regarding pickleball as the season progresses as well as hearing feedback from the residents and did meet with a group of residents and came up with a complementary option and the \$15 fee was the suggested as a starting point by the people of this group. He said not only will it offset the costs for maintenance but will regulate the play and will give others a chance to be instructed and a chance to reserve the courts. He clarified if the courts are not being reserved, they are free and open to play on and the public can look at the reservation system to see if a court is open. He said all of the other surrounding cities are charging which makes Norwalk attractive, and non-residents are coming to play pickleball and have listed the towns and fees as part of the backup material of the agenda. He said we are

trying to regulate the play and to give newcomers a chance to reserve for instruction and will have instructors available for the season and will also give our citizens a chance to play on our courts and charging for pickleball is not uncommon around the country.

Mr. Hughes clarified that the rate that is being proposed is \$15 per hour and not \$15 per person and as Mr. Stowers stated if the court is open there is no fee to play and there will be more courts added so he feels there will be plenty of opportunity for free play.

Ms. McMurrer asked if we have looked into doing a seasonal pass and how that works in other towns. Mr. Stowers said how it works in other towns is a season pass is purchased to pay the lower rate but there is still a fee each time the court is reserved.

Ms. McMurrer asked if not including non-residents for the reservation system has been discussed and she noticed that a few of the other towns didn't include residents. She also said in Fairfield no permits or reservations are required and can be reserved two hours per day and four per week and asked if that means they're not charging. Stowers said as far as he knows Fairfield has not yet started to charge but he expects them to.

Ms. McMurrer asked if the additional courts that will be added will also be added to the reservation system. Mr. Stowers said "yes".

Ms. McMurrer asked how this would be enforced and how to find the schedule. Mr. Stowers said the reservation system is a public facing site and there are instructions on the Recreation and Parks website. Ms. McMurrer asked if the rules will be posted on each of the courts and if a QR code can be included to navigate or direct people to the website. Mr. Stowers said "yes" and there will be QR code included.

Mr. Lopez said one of the speakers made a strong compelling case regarding the equity and the physical and mental health aspects of this sport and asked what the rationale is behind charging, and how was the \$15 fee determined, and was there any consideration of only charging non-residents and providing a discount for residents and is there any consideration for senior citizens for a lower rate or not charging at all. Mr. Stowers said when looking at comparative rates Norwalk's are probably the lowest but also want to have very standard rules and standards and did provide in their budget some funds for "ambassadors" that will be in the parks during the summer and peak times to help with any confusion regarding the rules and regulations. He also said as indicated in the legislation they are piloting this system and these fees. Mr. Hughes added that there is a \$10 discount for residents for the fee to reserve the court is \$25 for non-residents and \$15 for residents.

Ms. Dunn asked what the timeframe is that this will be piloted. Mr. Stowers said it will be throughout the year and will then be evaluated. He said they are also working on the fee study for other programs which will also be presented to the committee for consideration of fee modifications for the next budget year.

Ms. Murray echoed Mr. Lopez's comments regarding people with mental health or disabilities as well as senior citizens as well as prohibiting people who want to play "off the cuff" if they have to create a time. She said she generally supports this but asked if there is a hybrid option especially in the urban core. Mr. Stowers said recreation people are helpful all around the country and staff will do whatever they can to make it easier for people and we understand all the concerns that have been mentioned but will be there to help people.

Mr. Lopez asked if any packages to complement the per hour charge were considered. Mr. Stowers said that will be learned through the evaluation process but overall, the courts will be free but if people really want to reserve a spot, then the fee would be paid for the reservation.

Mr. McMurrer asked if it has been or will be considered to implement a senior citizen discount following the pilot program. Mr. Stowers said “yes”.

Ms. McMurrer said there was a comment regarding taxes during the public comment period and suggested they watch the budget meeting that was held last evening as the city is strapped in terms of cash and one thing that she appreciates about the Recreation and Parks Department is their willingness to “think outside the box” to bring in revenue and do a great job of that, and even though this is a small amount it is a pain point for some people and she thinks we can work within this and learn from it and there is not any money in the tax levy and if we want to have these nice new facilities we have to figure out how we can fund them and keep these programs growing. She said she is looking forward to the parks foundation coming to fruition so that we can have the public/private partnership to pay for some of these programs and make sure our facilities are the best in Connecticut and that is something that she is very passionate about and that she will be supporting this item for all of the reasons that she has mentioned but also because it’s a pilot program as we can learn from it and adjust which is important. Mr. Stowers said when they looked at how to finance some of the improvements in the study of the Parks Master the question was presented on people if they would rather fund the various activities or improvements through taxes or fees and charges it was overwhelmingly stated fees and charges.

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VI DISCUSSION

Agreement with Grassroots Tennis regarding use of Nathaniel Ely courts.

Mr. Stowers said that Grassroots Tennis has a great program and educate and mentor the students after school and at the same time turn out tennis players and because the outside season ends so quickly, they have had to rent private facilities in the offseason and diminishes their program. He said they received a \$1 million dollar donation to install a dome on a facility where there could be four tennis courts inside this facility to allow for indoor tennis but because they don’t have the resources to run it all day have created a partnership with the Recreation and Parks Department to run the tennis program and have proposed some terms for a licensing agreement for them to operate the facility from 3:00PM to closing each day and then on the weekends so there will be an indoor facility seven months during the year. He said the terms of the agreement would go to the Law Department to put together a contract and should come before the committee next month for approval after the negotiations with Eversource have been completed. Ms. Dunn asked if there would be a charge for lessons and if so with there be a revenue share. Mr. Stowers said “yes” but the details have not yet been worked out. Mr. Lopez asked if there have been any discussions regarding sustainability that can be added to the construction of the actual facility. Mr. Stowers said that it is something that can be discussed as the project moves forward. Ms. Young asked how long it would take to erect the dome. Mr. Hughes said the first install will take a little longer because all the foundations first need to be installed, but once that is completed the dome will just need to be

installed so it will be approximately a month to a month and a half for the install and less than a week to install the dome.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. DUNN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd