

A meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Birkbeck at 6:30 pm on August 9, 2011 at our recreation building located in Ventnor heights at Surrey and Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: John Gallagher, Bart Beck, Diane Birkbeck, Jan Sarnese and Debbie Beirne and Director Thomas.

Special events Applications:

1. Ventnor City Lifeguard Association- Cliff Murray and Dan Bryz-Gornia present to present application. They wanted to have a barbque after the Goudy races on August 19<sup>th</sup>, at Somerset Ave beach area. It would be from 8pm-10pm. They have provided all necessary insurances and fees. A motion was made to approve application by John Gallagher and seconded by Bart Beck. Motion carried
2. Ventnor City Drug & Alcohol Alliance- application presented for Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and rain date is Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Wish to have a martial arts event for promoting "anti bullying " campaign. It will be held on the basketball courts at Somerset Avenue. It will be held from 11 am to 1pm. Motion was made to approve application by John Gallagher and seconded by Debbie Beirne.
3. CONTACT- Cape Atlantic- Ms Anne McGee present to discuss the fund raiser they want to have on boardwalk on 11/26/11. A three mile walk on the boardwalk. To benefit their programs for the elderly. They make daily phone calls to the elderly to make sure they are ok. It's a free service. They will begin on Newhaven go to Fredericksburg back again up to Newhaven back to Fredericksburg etc.—They request to use the Gazabo for registration due to wind conditions that usually happen in November on the boardwalk. All fees and insurances are included. Motion was made to approve application by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by John Gallagher.
4. "Spike for a Cure"- John Masusock present to present his application. He is a senior at St Augustine Prep and as a senior project, they must give back to the community in some way. He enjoys volleyball so thought good idea to have a volleyball tournament. It would be a fund raiser , were all proceeds go to South Jersey Cancer Society. He wanted to have a volleyball tournament on Sat, August 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning registration at 1pm and then not going past 10pm at Somerset Avenue Courts. They will probably have between 8-16 teams. John also provided a liability waiver that he will make all participants complete before entering. He also provided all fees and insurances required to proceed with application. A motion was made to approve application by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Jan Sarnese.

Director's Report:

Volleyball doing very well for this season , 40 teams and the city profited so far around \$7300.00. Director did not have all receipts etc , so he will present official status at next month's meeting.

This is last week of summer camp. They did very well and will report next month as well on finances of it. Director Thomas wanted to discuss possibly next year having the camp run for 8 weeks, he thinks it would really be successful and parents have expressed a need for it. The board will discuss again.

The fields, the football field was re-sodded in April and it looks horrible. It had to be re-done over again last week. Dave Smith and PW were really wonderful in helping getting it done quickly, Director Thomas states. The price to have the field that was re-done again was roughly \$17,000.00, that money had to come from the Rec. Trust fund . Pirate President Russo requested from Director Thomas that they be allowed to hold their football fund raiser on the fields since they were re-done. This fund raiser, all proceeds go the Claudia Bergman Fund. Many towns football teams playing for 2 days , Friday evening and then all day Saturday , August 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>. The board did not want to ruin the fields , Director Thomas was directed to contact Mr. Russo and inform him that a motion was made NOT to approve his request. The board members are worried that the reseeding hasn't had enough time to take hold and would therefore tear the new grass seed that was just planted and then the fields would not be ready for the football season. Board member Birkbeck stated that they should possibly cancel this year or go use another town's field and come back next year to request use of our field. Suggestions were made for other places to go . A motion was made to deny request by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by John Gallagher.

Public portion opens 7:06pm Mayor Kelly wanted to commend Ms. Birkbeck for a great job done on "Go Green". Ms Birkbeck stated they had over 100 participants in the event. Mayor Kelly also stated she wanted to see the practice football schedule and how using this field that was just re-done and when they are using it. Her concern was how are the fields going to be maintained since they just had to be redone again.

Public portion closed at 7:10pm

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Jan Sarnese.