

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Beirne at 6:36pm on February 10, 2009 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Jan Sarnese, John Gallagher, Debbie Beirne, Bart Beck and A.J. Russo, Director Thomas and Commissioner Weintrob.

Guests present to discuss first special events application was Cassandra Shober , Joe Spellman (District Director) John Brilla, Bill Schmidt (Asst. District Commissioner) Mike Advena (Parent). They were here to discuss having a cub scouts day camp in the city of Ventnor from July 13 through July 17th,2009 beginning around 8:30 am and ending about 4:00 pm everyday except might end a little later on Friday their last day. The cub scouts day camp is a national program. Having various locations throughout the city, Ventnor Beach at Newport Ave, that is why the group is here. Also the Driving Range and the School (VECC). They are aware that they have to go to various others to seek permission but wanted a starting point. Mrs. Shober explained that this is the first time anything like this would happen in Ventnor. The Cub Scout troop has 45 registered boys from Ventnor and about 21 from Margate. The camp itself would host about 100 children. Fully supervised program with all the adults being certified in various aspects of the camp. Example the adult that helps with the beach area has to be certified in beach “crafts”. The Cub Scout program is very strict and does an intense investigation process for everyone involved with the cub scouts organization.

The scout organization excited because Ventnor offers a unique location, wetlands, uplands that no other community in the area offers.

Transportation was an issue brought up- they would have to arrange getting the kids from one location to the other. Director Thomas would look into the possibility of bus drivers being used; they would be paid by the cub scouts.

Comm. Weintrob spoke that it is a great thing for the city of Ventnor. Not only good for the kids but the merchants on the avenues, parents, grandparents coming to see their kids doing this camp and then would go to lunch etc.

The cub scouts has safety standards they must meet not only for the cub scouts but the state’s safety standards. They provide their own liability insurance; each registered child is covered with a medical policy just in case anything would happen to them while attending the program. The rec board very excited, anything they can do to help out, with ideas the committee would love to hear from them.

Commissioner Weintrob wanted to mention to them that the last night they are here they would possibly have to move their family night program to the parking lot behind the library on NewHaven and not the Newport Beach area—they agreed to this.

A motion was made to approve the application only in regards to the beach area of Newport Avenue and now possibly the parking lot area behind the library on NewHaven

Ave for the last day in the evening and provided the proper fees and insurances are obtained by John Gallagher and second by Bart Beck. . All were in favor.

2nd presentation (no application submitted) is for South Jersey Jazz Basketball- Mr. Jim Gulla and Ed Bond came to present the idea of having an AAU basketball tournament. The dates are April 18 & 19th at the VECC. Called “AC Tip Off”. Hopefully have around 32 to 42 teams. This is an AAU sanctioned event, also offer the traveling team kids if they wish to play to register. Doing this for 10years was here last year and the VECC. Director Thomas and past chairman Beck stated that they had no problems with this event. A very controlled environment, very organized. They do have a “gate” charge so director Thomas went over the fees scale with them, \$75 for the first 4 hours and then every hour after that until the event is over it is \$50 per hour plus they would have to compensate the custodial staff on after 3 pm each day—they agreed.

Director Thomas stated that he will check for availability at the school but it is under the recreation programs. A motion was made to approve the request by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Jan Sarnese- John Gallagher abstained from the vote.

3rd presentation is Mark & Marianne Hills- they live on Troy Ave in Ventnor and are starting a special events company. They want to start a car show, a sock hop something big for the City of Ventnor to enjoy on the weekends in the summer. They are here to get feedback from the board and offer their help in any project the City is trying to get off the ground. The board suggested that if and when they have a specific event for a specific month to come and present to the board. They will come back in March with ideas for at least June and July events.

Director Thomas reworded the resolution proposed to the Commissioner the change would read Mon through Friday 6-10pm and Saturdays from 9am -3pm are deemed recreational time and is controlled by the Recreation Director for use of the gym facilities (only) A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Bart Beck