

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Beck at 6:35 pm on January 13, 2009 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

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

Meeting will have re-organization of meeting dates & time and chairman, vice-chairman, and treasurer and secretary for the year of 2009.

Motion was made to approve 2009 dates and keep the time of 6:30 pm by John Gallagher and second by A.J. Russo.

A motion was made by Jan Sarnese to nominate Debbie Beirne as new chairman and seconded by Lori Nolan, all were in favor. Mrs. Beirne agreed to take the chairman position only if Mr. Beck would help in the transition, Mr. Beck agreed happily.

A motion was made by Bart Beck to make Lori Nolan Vice-Chairman, seconded by A.J. Russo/ All in favor

Motion made to have Jan Sarnese become treasurer by Bart Beck and then seconded by Lori Nolan. All were in favor.

Motion made to have Patti Kedziora remain in secretary position by Bart Beck and seconded by John Gallagher. All in favor

Directors Report:

Hutch basketball league going well having sign ups now. Ventnor now has a travel team they are

3 & 4 grades are boys & girls

5 & 6 boys only

7 & 8th graders are boys only.

Cape Atlantic team has 5 & 6th grades together and 7 & 8th boys and girls are on both grade level teams.

Night classes going well- they are going to place an ad in the current instead of doing a mailing.

Bus trip in December went very well, profit made was total of \$505.00, and motion to except the receipts of December's bus trip was made by John Gallagher and second by

Debbie Beirne. They will be kept on file in the director's office at the recreation building.

Director Thomas stated that he would like to have a few things done in 2009. He had lawn doctor come out and asked for an estimate to do the fields—most likely that would have to go out bid, he stated. Also Rac fencing – came and took measurements and wants a price to replace some old fencing at the minor league field are—bids also most likely would have to be done.

Board member Russo wanted to remind all about the Pirates Football Banquet on January 24 at the VECC at 4pm

Lori Nolan also wanted to remind everyone about the basketball game at the VECC on January 23, doors open 6pm – game starts 7pm

Commissioner Weintrob wanted to recreation board to discuss the following ordinances and discuss the changes he would like to see happen, they are as follows:
Please find the following changes that I would like to propose to the Recreation Board of Commissioners to Chapter 193 of the VC Code/Ordinance, Ventnor City Code 72-6 to 72-8 and fee structure for gym facilities

These suggestions will be submitted to the governing body for review.

193-2 Application for permit

D. Proposed change- Leave in “No solicitation” rule but delete the prohibition on public amplification.

Reads- No solicitation or public amplification is permitted

G. Proposed change- Delete the section for street parking. Already have ordinances governing this.

It reads - Vehicle permits for street parking must be obtained from the office of the Chief of Police

H. Proposed change- Leave in section, however a section should be added in that if the “clean up” is poorly done and Public Works is required to perform an additional clean-up, the organization/group/or individuals staging the event should be charged a fee to reflect the hourly rate of the Public Works employees. The fee (if any) should be determined by the City Commission. However, a flat fee may work in this case.

Reads- All person who are granted permits must provide their own supervision and person s to clean up after the event.

I. Proposed change- section should be changed to state that a meeting with the Recreation Board is mandatory prior to the issuing of the permit.

Reads- A meeting may be required with the Board of Recreation Commission prior to the issuance of the permit.

K. Proposed change. If it is the library or community building, there should be no change. However, if a building is controlled by the Board of Education or Recreation Board, the applicable board would need to grant approval. Otherwise permission must be granted from the Commissioners

Reads- To obtain permission to use a building, a permit must be obtained from the Mayor's office.

L. Proposed change- This depends on the event/duration. Most events are short term in duration. However, the Commission may choose to leave this in. But I can say that this requirement has never been enforced.

Reads – Portable toilets must be provided by the permittee.

M. Proposed, no change, however, I believe that the fees should be raised. To what level, I do not know. Recommendation to change security deposit to \$500 (this would include clean- up fee), the application fee to \$100 and the filing fee to \$15. What I am proposing is not that expensive and most groups would not have a problem meeting these fees.

Reads- Fees will be changed in accordance with the current schedule of Board of Recreation Commissioners.

N. Proposed -Any fee may be waived for events sponsored by the City of Ventnor City Board of Recreation Commissioners.

Reads- Any fees would be waived for events sponsored by the City of Ventnor City Board of Recreation Commissioners.

O. Proposed change- This must not change, however, the Commission will need to determine what the fees would be. Cities bill a set rate for the Police/Fire/EMT multiplied by the number of hours worked by each Officer/Fireman/EMT. The fee requirement, if applicable would be waived to events staged by the Recreation Board. The Chief of Police/Fire Chief should make the determination whether or not any professionals are needed when the permit is reviewed. The recreation Board should make a recommendation, but the Chief of Police/Fire Chief's decision should be the last word.

Reads- If police security is required or determined to be necessary by the Chief of Police of the City of Ventnor, then in that event, the applicant shall be required to pay for said police and security.

Q. Proposed. This should be deleted. There should be no alcoholic beverages served at any Special Events held in the city. There is just too much liability if alcoholic beverages are permitted.

Reads – For any and all events or beach parties where alcohol is to be served or dispensed, the applicant must obtain appropriate approvals and permits from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

R. The following Ventnor City organizations shall be granted the waiver of the permit fee:

- (1) All houses of worship situate in Ventnor City
- (2) All Ventnor city scout troops and/or packs
- (3) All Ventnor City government department, employees and associations.
- (4) All Ventnor City armed forces veteran's associations.

Proposed should include (add) All Ventnor City Organizations.

Ventnor City Code (72-6 to 72-8)

R.Proposed- I believe that Police/Fire Department should have input.

Reads- Start or maintain a fire or fires on the beach at any time during the entire year without a permit from the Police Department.

Reads the ordinance states that the Chief of Police established the location of the beach party/event and the City Commission approves the event is less than 50 people--- if the event is more than 50 people it comes under Chapter 193 and through the Recreation board.

S.Proposed that it be changed to that the Recreation Board established the location and approval, with final approval granted by the Chief of Police. All events should come through the recreation board. City Commissioners have the right to rescind these prior approvals. Section about alcoholic beverages should be prohibited.

Entire paragraph reads:

Beach parties shall be permitted at a location or locations as established by the Chief of Police with the approval of the Board of Commissioners. Said beach parties shall have a limitation or not more than 50 persons in attendance. Any application for a group larger than 50 persons shall be governed by Chapter 193. Special Events and the requirements of this Code. All applicants shall receive and comply with a schedule of fees and rules and regulations as established by resolution in the City of Ventnor City. Where alcohol is to be served or

dispensed, the applicant must obtain the appropriate permits and approvals from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

T. Proposed- may want to add New Jersey non profit, New Jersey tax-exempt organizations, and a provision for wedding ceremonies on the beach (no reception). A provision of tents would be at the discretion of the Recreation Board. Also add the part/section where city residents or summer residents would be able to have an event as long as complies with all requirements.

Reads- Applications for beach parties shall be limited to tax-exempt house of worship, recreational, civic, educational, United States veterans and scout organizations that are organized, based, housed and own and occupy property within the City of Ventnor

Recommendations to add these fees:

Ventnor City for use of the gym facilities:

A meeting was held on December 9, 2008 the Recreation Board agreed to the following fees to be effective as of January 1, 2009

For an event with “no gate” charge (which means they are not charging at the door to gain access to the event) the rate would be \$50.00 per hour

For an event with a “gate fee” the charge would be \$75 per hour up to the first 4 hours of the event and then after those 4 hours, the group would then be charged \$50.00 per hour for the duration of the event.

For all “league” fees. It will be \$50 per session.

A motion was made to adjourn the by John Gallagher and seconded by A.J. Russo.

