

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Beirne at 6:30 p.m. on June 9, 2009 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Debbie Beirne, Jan Sarnese, A.J. Russo, John Gallagher, Lori Nolan, Director Thomas. And Commissioner Weintrob. Board member, Diane Birkbeck arrives at 6:43 p.m.

Guests Present were : Rabbi Rapoport, Quan Nguyen.

Special Events Applications:

1. Church of Epiphany- Fr. William Parker- wants a very quick and small religious service on Avolyn beach every Saturday evening starting July 4th and ending last Saturday in August. Requesting Avolyn Ave beach because the City has an event on Newport Beach at the same time that Fr. Parker is requesting his event. A consideration was granted by the City Administrator, Sandra Biagi to allow them to have their event on Avolyn Ave beach because they will have 15 people participating and will be there for 15-20 mins. They will pay 1 \$200.00 security deposit for the entire length of their event, (which is also a consideration granted to them) they will also pay \$5.00 filing fee for each event; since they are a Ventnor religious organization and provide insurance (which they have included) the application fee is waived.

A motion was made to approve application by Lori Nolan and seconded by John Gallagher- all were in favor, application is approved.

2. Chabad at the Shore. The Chabad House is located behind the JCC in Margate. Rabbi Rapoport was present to explain his request of Jewish Summer Fest 2009 on Sunday August 23, 2009 (a Sunday) and a rain date of 8/30/09. It's a family fun day. They are requesting using the beach area behind the community building (Newport ave) and the gazebo for the band to play music and Newhaven side near the side entrance steps. They want to have inflatable blow up slides and jumpies for children and also cook kosher food which they will require a tent and arts and crafts tent for the children. First the Rabbi stated that there would be a charge for the rides and the food also they wanted to have a petting zoo. The Rec Board stated that the ride charges cannot happen at the beach. They possibly would want to have the ride wristbands purchased prior to

the event and as far as the food they would ask for donations for the food items but they could not charge for them. The event would start at 6pm but set up would have to begin at 2pm. The event would run from 6pm – 9pm. Also Rabbi Rapoport brought up that possibly the Recreation Department would co- sponsor the event.

The Rec board concerns are:

**The petting zoo- the board feels that that should not be allowed due to the location, safety issue as far as an animal biting a child etc.

**Is the time they want to begin setting up 2pm- the ordinance states 6pm. Commissioner Weintrob suggested that the jumpies be put in the parking lot behind the library since the library is closed- have it roped off first thing in the morning of the event.

** Charging for food and activities.

The board stated that there will be no petting zoo, has far as charging they can request donations for those items mentioned but they cannot charge unless they make arrangements prior to the event. As far as the 2pm the board stated that it is very early but that they understand the time it takes to set up the inflatables. Commissioner Weintrob stated that he didn't see a problem since we have done early set ups for other events in the City. The board agreed about that matter and said to pass on to the Police Chief for his input and then to the other Commissioners for their feelings and if everyone is in agreement then they can have their event with these restrictions. And if the City co-sponsors the event then they would make a donation to the city from what they make. Rabbi Rapoport agreed. A motion was made for a conditional approval based on obtaining approvals from the Police Department, Fire Department (for the tents) and Mayor and Comm. Piatt by John Gallagher and seconded by Jan Sarnese.

3. 3rd application – Quan Nguyen- for Volleyball. It's the 22nd Annual Volleyball Tournaments. It will be ran in conjunction with the Ventnor City Board of Recreation as in the past years. July 11 & 12, 2009 for the weekend. Starting at 8am until 6pm. Using 10 courts. No food . Using the courts at the Cambridge Ave. Motion was made to conditionally approve application by Lori Nolan and seconded by A.J. Russo as long as the insurances and fees are obtained prior to the event. Director Thomas will contact Mr. Nguyen after Police Chief's review and if approved.

4. 4th Application- 2nd Annual Alan B. Roth Pancreatic Cancer Walk- Sunday 8/9/09 beginning at 8 am at Newport avenue on the boardwalk going to Fredericksburg Avenue turn around, on boardwalk , go to Vassar Avenue and end at Newport Ave again. Check is provided and a letter of intent from Fox Chase Hospital stating that if approved they will provide the insurance for the event, 1 week prior. A conditional approval was given due to insurance policy not

included by a promissory note was provided by John Gallagher and seconded by Debbie Beirne.

5. Tom Williams- Prime Time Events- Girls Basketball Tournament. Jan 16,17,18 & 20, 2010. It will be held at the VECC. The Recreation Board thinks it a great event to come to the City but since being held in the school , they need to get approval from the school and discuss with them if there would be any fees incurred for using the school. The recreation board thinks it's a great idea as long as the school agrees with it. A motion was made by John Gallagher to approve application as far as the city's part of it and seconded by Lori Nolan but it was discussed that they have to go to the Board of Education to discuss. Mr. Williams was not present so Mr. Thomas will call and talk to him about the rec board's decision.

Commissioner Weintrob was present at the meeting and wanted to give the board members a letter he received 2-3 weeks ago in reference to conduct of parents/coaches at Babe Ruth games. In the letter 2 of the people mentioned were coaches and it stated that they were witnessed drinking in the parking lot during a game.

Comm. Weintrob stated he will talk to the city attorney about what can be done about this matter for the future. He stated the city has a zero tolerance and he would like to see those people involved turn in their resignations to him. He also stated that when Ventnor is at away games he has heard about bad conduct of coaches and parents. This is not going to be tolerated he stated again everyone representing the City whether a coach or a parent should conduct themselves properly

John Gallagher stated that that is one of the problems the city has when organizations are ran separately and not under the City. Lori Nolan states that neither the city nor the rec board has any control over these kinds of situations when they are not under the Recreation Board and they are private organizationg

A.J. Russo mentioned that the Ventnor Pirates just made up a code of conduct book, with an application, along with a rules and regulations for all the coaches, players and even the parents to sign the agreement to abide by these rules.

Mr. Russo also mentioned that he would contact Pete Mora, President of Little League about this matter to investigate since Mr. Russo's coaches for baseball and also a rec board member he feels he can contact Mr. Mora about the matter.

On to another subject, Mr. Russo wanted to give the Rec board members the literature that will be given out for this year's Pirates Football season. It is a conduct code book, rules and regulations guide and an application that each coach must fill out and some requirements they have to have to be a coach and also a

conduct code will be given out to all of the parents. Also they will provide quarterly reports to the rec board for review.

Director's report:

July 3 run the Recreation Board is sponsoring the event and want to remind all the board members to be there around 5:45 pm at the community building.

Summer Camps are starting to get started with sign ups. The camps need 4 employees to fill the vacancies of kids not coming back- 2 children to assist each camp programmers with all the programs throughout the day for the kids attending the camp. 4 Children were chosen after going over applications with Rec board members. A motion was made to approve the 4 applicants by Diane Birkbeck and second by Debbie Beirne.

SCORE program is looks like we are getting closer—the State is reading our grant now so it is moving forward.

Commissioner Weintrob had Director Thomas as well as the C.F.O. print some “budget” information for the rec board’s review. There are some questions they have so board member Russo will get a letter off to the C.F.O. Toro Aboderin so that they can be addressed.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by Jan Sarnese. All in favor.