

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Beirne at 6:30p.m. on March 10, 2009 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

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

Guests Present: Mayor Kelly, Mike Weisen, Mark & Marianne Hills

Mike Weisen to talk about having another Tour DeVentnor as in conjunction with the Recreation Board like last year. Wanted to get a feeling from the board to make some changes to the event. He was asked to attend a Margate Business Association. He went and spoke about the bike event and Margate was interested in joining in on it. Mr. Weisen was thrilled and said he would present the change to the rec board and get their concerns. The event would be on September 12 beginning at 10 am and would be called Tour deDownbeach. The new route would be on the boardwalk, beginning hopefully at Somerset/Suffolk Aves traveling on the boardwalk and then go off at Fredericksburg and then travel on Atlantic through Margate to Longport and then traveling back the exact same route and end at the beginning point with a barbeque and prizes for the kids and a D.J. Mr. Weisen stated that he would of course have to go to Margate officials and Longport but wanted to get a feel. The route would only be 2 more miles than last year. If this is a success the other cities want to switch each year for the hosting city of the event.

Concerns from the board, safety first priority- Mr. Weisen stated he would have to get help from Police and volunteers as last year. They would provide porta-potties if need be. Looking for sponsors right now. There committee wanted to be able to advertise the event the entire summer. No Alcohol permitted- Board was concern with people would try to make it into an adult theme-

Mr. Weisen stated would need help from Public Works for 2 barbeque grills and extra trash cans at starting point.

Concerns about using the streets and again like last year Mr. Weisen is suggested to contact the City Commission to talk to them and gain permission. He was instructed to contact the City Administrator.- He agreed to do so.

A motion was made to grant his request (for as far as having the event) by Lori Noland and seconded by Diane Birkbeck. But Mr. Weisen does understand that he must go and gain permission from City Officials for the event to take place. He understands, Mr. Weissen stated. Motion carried

Mark & Marianne Hills here to present antique car show. Showed an aerial photo of recreation building and area, stated that 100 cars could be accommodated. They wish to have some vendors, 100 antique cars, Dj or small band. The dates would be:

Friday night June 26- pre event, a parade in town to peek interest

Sat night June 27- the event 10-4pm

Sunday June 28- rain date for the event.

They would pay all fees and provide all insurances. The car owners would monitor the safety of their own cars. They would provide port a potties and payment if necessary for extra police./emt's. No dogs/ no bikes/ no smoking and NO alcohol allowed.

The boards concerns: the neighbors and the inconvenience of parking. Suggestion was made to put something in the paper notify the public of the event. Also maybe knocking on some doors, introducing them and telling them of the event.

All star schedules will be happening at the time most likely—concern balls breaking windows. Suggestion was to talk to the VECC about using their facility. There is no gate fee to gain admission but there is a fee charged. Since they are a private business they really need to go to the Commissioners and get approval from them.- they were suggested to call the city clerk's office and get on the next available agenda.

The board stated a great idea for the city and they hope that the Hills are successful with the event.

3rd Application is Boardwalk Runners-(no one present on their behalf) the event is March 14, 2009 , 9-11:30 am -all fees and insurances are received. It's an annual event, the same route as in past many many years. A motion was made to approve application by John Gallagher and seconded by Jan Sarnese/ All were in favor

Director's Report:

South Shore Basketball done they had 4 tournaments. They had new volunteers for coaching. Thanks to Mike Baker coached 3 & 4th grade girls. Karen Cavaleri coached 3 & 4th grade boys and Drew Bello & John Palladino coached 5 & 6 boys. It's hard to get new people for volunteering.

Kudos to Bart Beck for the hutch program the kids love him and so do the parents, thanks Mr. Beck for a great job, Director Thomas stated.

Discussion for next month- men's baseball weekend tournament- the man running the program would have to fly in from Nevada for the board to hear his application. Would the board be okay with the application and fees and insurances being presented and the board talking by phone if necessary to answer questions/concerns. The board agreed to this but Director Thomas will talk to Commissioner Weintrob to make sure there is no problem.

Also to be discussed is an AAU baseball tournament. Mike Cook is the contact person he was here last year. It is a 2 day event- 3 & 4 grade and 5 & 6th grades.

7:50 p.m. Diane Birkbeck has to leave.

Mayor Kelly is here to introduce herself to some of the board members who she has not met in person and talk to the board members about some concerns they have.

One issue is the liability of the city when the board approves special events on city property. She wants the board to be aware that she is not looking for the tax payers or anyone to have to pay for an accident because “we” the city didn’t do what we should have done to cover ourselves and make it right when these events are taking place. She wants to make sure everyone is on the same page. She suggested that Director Thomas meet with our city attorney, Tim Maguire and go over liability factors on some of the events that were discussed at tonight’s meeting. Director Thomas will do that.

Also she is aware that the recreation board has some concerns about the Mayor & Commissioners possibility taking the Recreation Trust Account monies and and putting all those monies into the general funds. This is a consideration. The recreation Director would have to make sure he had all the “line” items he needs to have his budget complete. No one is looking to take any money away from their programs, they are all wonderful and productive, the Mayor stated by she does want accountability from everyone when it comes to the budget.

Her suggestion was for all the board members to make list of their concerns and then she will meet with Director Thomas and the accounting firm to discuss them.

John Gallagher mentioned to the mayor that each year the rec board members do a physical tour of the recreational facilities and make up a wish list (repair) list. Some of these items to be replaced or repaired are very costly because they have been neglected for many years. Mayor Kelly suggested that the Recreation Board have line items for each item so that the monies can be properly accounted for and distributed when needed.

Mayor leaves and thanks everyone for their time.(8:27pm)

8:33pm A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Bart Beck and second by Debbie Beirne. All were in favor.