

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Beirne at 6:30 p.m. on May 12, 2009 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

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

Guests: Tim Maguire- City Solicitor

Special Events Application:

1. Holy Family School- Pat Naticchone was present to represent the school. the event is June 12, 2009 Friday. Requesting Newport Avenue beach area. Kids will play kick ball and subs and sodas. Looking for assistance for extra trash cans from the City. Trash cans should be no problem. The only concern brought up was by Lori Nolan who stated she is not sure when the 8th grade graduation is usually that is on the beach around same time. Board secretary will contact DARE officer Doug Biagi to see since he usually handles the details for that. All fees and insurance is provided at tonight's meeting. A motion was made to approve application by Lori Nolan and seconded by Jan Sarnese. All were in favor of application.

2. Application was Frank Sarno who helps run the surfing contest. It is the 35th Annual Absecon Island Surfing Contest in conjunction with the recreation board. Mr. Sarno stated that the contest will begin on Aug 22 that weekend, at 7 am and then there after until the waves are good. Last year the recreation department helped out and gave the event \$500 to help offset costs this year he was not sure what he could expect. Director Thomas suggested for him to try and make contacts that would help offset the registration costs and that we would see if some of the costs could be offset by the recreation department with a \$\$amount needed then the Director would look into helping the contest out financially. The fee is \$15 for registration and \$5 for long board . These come with a t-shirt. A motion was made by Diane and seconded by Lori to approve application for the surfing contest.

3. Joe McDevitt was representing the Downbeach Republican Club. Here to ask permission to have a barbeque on June 13, 2009 at Newport Ave beach. From 5-8pm. Requesting use of the city grills and extra trash cans and electric at the gazebo. Mr. McDevitt stated that if approved he would contact Mr. Smith at public works for all these requests. Insurance and fees are included. It is open to the public and there is no cost to the public. Rain date would be June 20th. A motion was made to approve application by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by John Gallagher. All were in favor.

Tim Maguire (City Solicitor) was asked to come to the recreation board by Commissioner Weintrob. Commissioner Weintrob wanted the board to understand their rights and what liability they would assume as a member of the board.

Mr. Maguire stated that has rec board members they would be covered under the Atlantic County JIF if something unforeseen happened. Mr. Maguire stated that he does not agree that the Recreation Board needs a separate attorney to represent them. The board is always welcome to contact him for guidance or questions at any time, he will be happy to assist. Mr. Maguire stated that the recreation department in order to help guard them from any legal issues should have contracts with vendors stating what is what and then of course if there is a question to whether the event or group is covered under JIF then Director Thomas would contact JIF, as he does when something is in question.

Mr. Maguire also wanted to state that he heard there was an issue about fencing and getting bids. The bid threshold states anything over \$17,500.00 must go out for bids no matter what the item or the reasoning. Just wanted to again state that to the board for the future. He asked any questions about this? No one responded to his questions.

He also stated that an annual budget /report should be submitted to the governing body just for their reference so everyone is on the same page.

Bart Beck brought up an issue about football and little league being completely separate from the city. They do use the fields and the city does pay for their insurance. Mr. Maguire stated that even though they are self contained based on Local Land and building Law a lease of some kind can be requested from these groups. These two groups also can be expected to give an annual report/budget to the recreation board because they do use the facilities of the City. This also would allow the governing body to have the knowledge of what is coming in and what is going out as far as money.

Mr. Maguire asked if background checks are done on the volunteers. Director Thomas stated yes they are.

Question was asked by rec board member Lori Nolan she is president of Home & School and she asked if they the volunteers covered when in the school doing their fund raising. Mr. Maguire stated that they are covered under the school but for the future they should send a letter to the superintendent asking permission to use the facilities, the reason for the use , the date and time and then request to be contacted to discuss this way everyone is aware that they are there as a group fundraising with permission.

The recreation board thanked Mr. Maguire for attending the meeting.

Director's report:

Larry DiGiovanni sent a letter for an AAU basketball tournament. May 23 & 24, 2009 at the VECC using the front & back gyms. 8-6pm. They will pay the fee of \$50 per hour per day. Insurance is pending, Director Thomas will call Mr. DiGiovanni to state if does not have insurance cannot have the event, everything on hold until insurance matter is settled.

Summer camp brochure is done and getting distributed. Rates stayed the same as last year due to the economy.

Little League opening day is Sat 5/16/09 10 am if the first game . Rain date is Sunday 5/17/09.

Winter classes as follows:

Digital Photo- instructor Jim Pacnowski. Paid \$280

Yogo- instructor Mary Marosh- paid \$280

Paino- instructor Chris Sooy- paid \$260

Fees paid to instructor is always based on how many students the class has attending for that class.

The board members had a brief meeting about Mr. Maguire attending and a motion was made NOT to have a separate attorney represent the Recreation Board. Motion made by Lori Nolan and seconded by John Gallagher. All were in favor. The board is very comfortable calling Mr. Maguire for advice or questions.

8: 00 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn meeting by Jan Sarnese and Seconded by Bart Beck. All were in favor.