

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Nolan at 6:40 pm on March 9, 2010 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey and Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

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

Guests were:

Mike Cook- He was here to request permission to use the VECC gym for an AAU basketball tournament. This would be his second year. It would be for March 27 & 28th for girls and boys. The flyer presented tonight only states one night but after speaking to the board and finding out that the calendar year for the school's schedule has changed due to snow storm and the school was closed they are trying to make it 2 days. It would be for 10-17 yr olds, boys and girls, from 9-5 pm depending on how quickly the games get down.

They would provide insurance as last year, there was no complaints last year director Thomas stated. There is no gate fee. The fee would be roughly \$200 per day for the event and if the event runs after 3pm they would have to incur the cost of having the janitor on duty.—Mr. Cook agreed

Mr. Tony Magazzu was present tonight to ask if Holy Family can use one of the fields. He volunteers to run a girls softball league but they are all away games since they do not have a home field to play on. It would be 13-15 yr olds and 9 & 10 yr olds. Director Thomas stated that he should not be a problem to give them a field, he will just double check the needs of the other leagues and have a meeting to confirm everything. They will have their own insurance.

Mike Weissen came to represent the Cape Atlantic Wildcats- basketball. Wish to use the gym at the VECC- Insurance is attached. They are looking to double the nites they use they gym from last year. They were charged \$50 per nite. It would roughly cost them \$1500 so Mr. Weissen will go back to talk to the others involved and see if it is feasible to pay this fee or possible cut some of the nights out. Last year they paid \$750 but only had ½ the amount of nights from this request.

A motion was made by Bart Beck to allow all events and seconded by Jan Sarnese. All members were in favor.

Special Events Applications:

- 1- Boardwalk runners, application is to be held on March 3, 2010 (sat). it is exactly the same as in past many years. The police record Mrs. Rapetti already has their checks and the insurance is included with tonight's application. The event would be 9:30 – 11:30.

A concern was brought up by Commissioner Weintrob that it should be noted to all applicants that no markings of any kind can be placed on ANY city property.

Director Thomas will call Mr. Altman to notify of the new request since he is the first application this will effect. He is the contact on the application. He will inform him and his organization. Director Thomas will make sure to notify all applications in the future of the same. A letter will be done to explain this to be attached to all special events applications in the future.

A motion was made to draft a letter for all special events applications noting that no markings of any kind can be placed on any ground, boardwalk or building owned by the city of Ventnor. The applicant can be in danger of forfeiting their security deposit and future uses if this occurs by John Gallagher and seconded by Diane Birkbeck.

The attached letter reads:

March 10, 2010

To All Special Events Applicants:

Please be advised that the Board of Recreation has determined that no markings of any kind are to be placed on any city property, boardwalk, beach or buildings. All directional signs must be removed the same day of your event.

If this does not occur, your security deposit and or future use of Ventnor property for special events will be in jeopardy of being forfeited.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Recreation at (609) 823-7950.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

2 Second Special Event Application:

A.C.H.S. Freshman Class of 2013

To present application was Chief Dave Wolfson, Amy Smith and Angela Festa- Dalaba. They are on the advisory board for ACHS Class of 2013. They are helping the freshman class have a 5k run/walk as a fund raiser for the freshman class. Requesting April 18, 2010. It will start in Margate and go onto the boardwalk at Martindale Ave, go to Oxford Ave and turn around and end at Margate again. Insurances and fees are attached to application. Chief Wolfson will contact our police chief to see if there are any concerns from his area.

A motion was made to approve application (Checks and insurance are included). By Diane Birkbeck and seconded by Lori Nolan. All were in favor.

Directors Report:

Director Thomas stated that he, Victoria Clark, and Commissioner Weintrob met at the VECC to discuss the summer camps. They were informed that the school is having some construction done that might interfere with the use of the buildings for the camps. They also met with Fr. Peter from Holy Family to see about the possibility of using their facilities for the camps. They are open to the idea but nothing is confirmed as of yet- just open options.

Comm. Weintrob spoke in regards to the Recreation Trust. He stated that now the taxpayers will have to put up the “front” money for the programs and hope that we get it back and offset the cost or better yet make a profit with the programs. With the trust before taxpayers money was never used now it will be. Commissioner Weintrob stated that the budget that was submitted by Director Thomas is a “request” and have to see what happens with the entire city budget.

A.J. Russo stated that as long as monies are anticipated to offset their costs there is no increase to the budget.

A.J. Russo brought in a drawing of a two story building 20 x 40. He would like to see built from the Trust money. For years the Pirates organization and the Little League have crammed their equipment into a shed along with lawn mowers, equipment from Public Works. The pirates have about \$30,000.00 worth of equipment and the little league has about \$10,000-\$12,000 worth and then it all crammed into the same storage facility with all this equipment for Public Works. His proposal is to build a storage area with a small meeting room that can be used for sign ups – registrations, meetings for the various teams etc; this would also free up more storage for the Public Works Department

An architect friend of Mr. Russo’s drew the plans at no cost and he has several builders who are willing to supply the labor at no cost so the only thing we would have to pay for is the material which they estimate about \$10,000.00

A motion was made by Diane Birkbeck to support the project and the money be taken out of the recreation trust account and second by Debbie Beirne. Of course the board realized that they must present their ideas in front of the commissioners. Mr. Russo was suggested to possibly come to the next workshop if his schedule allows him to present his idea to the commissioners.

In the audience: 8:50 p.m.

Tim Kreisler- he wanted to just make a suggestion about this building they are trying to build. He stated to make sure it is functional. But that he thought it should be built closer and not so far away because of vandalism, look to place it centrally for all activities and not hidden away so that it can be vandalized. He also suggested as in the past that all the board members as well as all residents

should get involved and come to the meetings to hear what is going on in the city and with the budget.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 9:00 pm by Jan Sarnese and seconded by A.J. Russo