

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Nolan at 6:32pm on March 20, 2012 at our recreation building located n Ventnor heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

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

Mayor Kelly in audience

Board Member AJ Russo arrives at 7:03pm

Jerry Thomas not present -vacation

Motion to approve Feb 2012 minutes made by John Gallagher and seconded by Diane Birkbeck. All were in favor

#### Special events applications

1. ACHS graduating class of 2013- David Wolfson explained event. On May 5, 2012. It's to raise money for the class of 2013. This will be the third year this fund raising is taking place. It's a 5 k run on the boardwalk, beginning Martindale to Suffolk Ave and back to end in Margate. All monies go to the school for the class of 2013. It will be from 9-noon .All checks and insurances are enclosed. A motion was made to approve application by John Gallagher and seconded by Lori Nolan. Vote was taken. All members yes/ 0 opposed.
2. Sierra Club- Ms. Christine Guhl - was present to request an event. It's a fund raiser all monies go to awareness of asthma and research. On April 28, 2012 and rain date of April 29, 2012. Bike tour from Ocean City through Ventnor to ACUA wind mills on the boardwalk. Hope for 50 participants. Its 15 miles. It would begin roughly around 10am hit Ventnor 10:30 and be done in Ac at noon. They would enter boardwalk at Martindale and head on boardwalk to Atlantic City. All checks and insurances are enclosed. Motion was made to approve application by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by Debbie Beirne. All board members were in favor. 0 opposed.
3. JCC and the Atlantic City Marathon. Event requested for April 1, 2012 , no rain date. Half mile Marathon . Marg Mancuso here to explain app. Run will begin at Bally's Casino in AC come through Ventnor through Margate, Longport and turn around , back to Bally's. They will hit Ventnor about 8:15am depending on the lead runners pace and be out by the latest 2pm again depending on the last runners pace. The 7k will turnaround at Frankford Ave and the ½ marathon will turn around in Longport. There will be 1 water station in Ventnor (At Newhaven) and 3 other water stations (not in Ventnor) but throughout the rest of the race. They will have an escort at the beginning of the race and at the end . They will also have removable (portable) directional signs on the boardwalk. Looking to have 2porta potties, they would be delivered latest time possible on Friday and picked up the earliest time that Monday morning. They have many HS volunteers to pickup cups (from runners) and other trash from them. Motion was

made by Lori Nolan to approve application and seconded by Bart Beck. All members were in favor of event. 0 opposed.

Ron Mangel was present representing Rabbi Rapaport of the Ventnor Shul-Chabad and the Summerfest . Their event was held last year 2011. Last year after the organizers of the Jewish Summerfest were specifically told they cannot charge specific \$\$ amounts for things at their event, they could ask for a voluntary donation for entering but could not ask for a specific amount and they did that last year. A board member's child attended the event last year where they had to pay \$12 for admittance to the event as well as charging \$\$ for food and drinks. These are all things the organization was told at the rec. board meeting they attended prior.

City of Ventnor's solicitor Tim Maguire was present to explain why money cannot be exchanged on city property for anything that was under Green Acres . Mr. Maguire explained very specifically to Mr. Mangel that under no circumstances can they or any other group or organization be allowed to charge money of any kind for anything on Green Acres land (City Property). The beach is under green acres as well as lot more property in Ventnor and they are very clear about their rules.

Mr. Mangel brought up many examples ( 5k runs, walks for a specific charity on the boardwalk) to compare his event to other events that take place in Ventnor. Mr. Maguire stated again so that he was very clear to everyone in the room, you cannot charge an admittance fee nor a specific \$\$ amount for food or drinks. You can put some notification about a "voluntary donation". If a person wants to give you a donation fine, if they don't they must be able to enter without paying. Board chairman Nolan stated the only way to make their event a success and be ok with the city's guidelines is to have sponsors. If you know a bouncy costs \$300 have someone or some group give them \$300 so that that ride is covered and no fee is worried about charging.

Mr. Mangle mentioned that if a person came to the event and couldn't afford admittance fee they would enter free. Again Mr. Maguire said no you can't charge for admittance, period. Then Mr. Mangel asked why the city couldn't sponsor them like they did the first year? It was stated that was a big mistake and the board was totally wrong in doing that , they shouldn't have done that nor are they allowed to sponsor a private organization under the City's Recreation board. Only city events and city groups that represent the city can be sponsored by the city. They apologized for doing that the first year and again they were wrong. They cannot sponsor a private organization under the city name, insurance etc. Mr. Mangel said that he would like to see the information pertaining to Green Acres. Mr. Maguire said for him to contact his office and he would be happy to get him where he can look up the information, Mr. Maguire did not have at that moment the exact code number or reference number to where it appears, to repeat to Mr. Mangel right now but would definitely get it to him afterwards.

Mr. Mangel also had to present an event (same as years prior with fees being charged) their Summer fest for this summer Aug, 2012. Mr. Mangel asked that we hold the date for couple of

weeks they wish to have their event still. Since the recreation board will not approve the event as it is on the application right now. Mr. Mangel said he would go back to Rabbi and the other organizers to see if they can do something else and still have the event in August 2012

All board members agreed that this application for 2012 that Mr. Mangel wanted the board to discuss tonight would not be approved as it stands tonight. The 2012 application was exactly as last year 2011 with violations as stated. If they change their minds and change the arrangements not to charge specific monies for entrance and items and change their application to reflect that then they could have their application heard. All members voted down the application as of now , the application stands now not approved.

Directors report: some of the fields that were just done, they look wonderful . Score board is up for baseball season. The refreshment stand had some areas redone and they look wonderful as well.

AJ Russo wanted the board to know that is has gotten 2 price quotes for building and waiting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> one to come in ( he did tell Toro) and will report to board members the price after 3 quote comes in.

Reminder to all Babe Ruth fund Raiser is at Duck town Tavern on Sat March 31, 2012.

Board member Jan Sarnese handed in her letter of resignation tonight. She has been on the board 10 yrs and wanted others to be able to become a board member. Jan it was a pleasure having you as a recreation board member, everyone thanked and wished her much happiness in the future.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Jan Sarnese and seconded by Bart Beck. All were in favor