

A meeting was called to order by board member Gallagher at 6:32 pm on September 13, 2011 at our recreation building located in Ventnor heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: John Gallagher, Jan Sarnese, Debbie Beirne, Bart Beck.

Motion to approved August 2011 minutes by John Gallagher and seconded by Debbie Beirne.

Diane Birkbeck arrives at 6:35pm. Lori Nolan arrives at 7:04 pm

Special Events Applications:

1. Steve Delmonte- DelMo Sports USA- Triathlon (swim/bike/run) that will be held on September 18, 2011 in Atlantic City. Reason they are coming here is they were just notified that some boardwalk in AC in unusable so they have to extend their race into Ventnor for couple of blocks. The turn- around now will have to be in Ventnor and go to S. Oakland Ave on the boardwalk. They would have a water stop and also a van playing some light music for the runners, the van will be parked in the street. Director Thomas will call and make sure they are aware the van must be in a "legal" spot. The first runner should hit Ventnor at 8am and the last one should finish around 10am. All checks are included and insurances as well. They are aware that they must clean their area up before they leave area. A motion was made to approve this application by John Gallagher and seconded by Diane Birkbeck
2. JCC- AC Marathon- Marg Mancuso here with others to present their application. October 16, 2011. The 10k starts at Bally's Casino in AC and goes to Somerset Ave or Dudley (not sure exact street on boardwalk yet)at 8:30 am . ½ marathon starts at 8am goes to marina district in AC turns around goes to Austin, Oakland (note sure yet exact boardwalk yet. Full marathon goes all the way down on boardwalk until end of Ventnor turns onto Atlantic Ave to Longport, through Longport and return to AC same way. There will be water stations at: Newport and the boardwalk, Oxford & Somerset will be a cheer zone and then Washington Ave Cheer zone with a van to direct all runners in the right direction to go.
**Requesting port a potties on Newport Avenue on the boardwalk? That is a concern of some of the board members. They need to know exact location of them since it is residential area. They also requested electric at Somerset Avenue for a small band (3people). Both these matters are concerns of the board. Mr. Thomas will discuss with the applicants. (the application does state that the applicant can supply these things themselves at their cost and not the city's. Mr. Thomas did state that they CANNOT have any permanent markings on Ventnor property spray paint, chalk etc. They stated (Marg Mancuso) they will have self standing marking stands on the boardwalk and if they have anything it would be some kind of mile marker strapped to the poles, rails they must remove them when done. Checks were included but there was an error in the insurance policy. They will have it corrected and sent to the board secretary ASAP. Motion was made to approve this application as long as all these concerns are satisfied between Mr. Thomas and Marathon representatives. A motion was made by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Lori Nolan.

3. ARC of Atlantic County –was not here to present their application but they have been in-front of the board for several past years with the same exact request. Event take off from Holy family church and will be 10/29/11 and will begin at Newport Ave go to the end of boardwalk , back to Newport and off the board and head to the parking lot at Holy Family Church to finish. They will contact the church since it is private property. It will go from 8:30 and done at 2pm. They are requesting outside bathrooms open at Newport Avenue if possible. All checks and insurances are included. Motion was made to approve by Bart Beck and seconded by Jan Sarnese. All were in favor.

Mike Feely was present to discuss the adult volleyball league. He has taken it over for last 5 years and has been very successful. They have usually 41 teams on the beach and ages range from 16-60 years old. They always make contribution to toys for tots from the indoor program they run. Presented a revenue sheet to members to see figures of how much is generated from this program. Mike wanted to talk about the maintenance of the courts on the beach. Very dangerous, the city dumps things there as a “holding “facility. He is just looking for support from the board members in regards to keeping this area clean and maintained since it does generate a lot of money to the city. Mr. Thomas said he will talk to the Mayor about Mr. Feely’s concerns.

Monthly report:

Summer camps – they have profits roughly \$ 16, 800 for this year. Doubled from last year . Thinks should extend the summer camp to 8 weeks for summer 2012 board agreed and cut one of the “special” camps available.

Surf camp- netted roughly \$400.00. Receipts were reviewed and approved by John Gallagher at tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Thomas did a comparison of revenue generated from all the recreation programs from 2009 to present. In 2009 roughly \$57,000 was made. Up until August 2010 \$51,000 was made and up until August of 2011 roughly \$71,000.00 has been deposited. Motion was made to approve these figures by John Gallagher and seconded by Lori Nolan

Mr. Thomas starting to work on fall class schedule. Discussed some papers given to board members, Health Dept , anyone having any kind of food needs to apply to Atlantic County Board of Health for an application to have food on property. Also anyone having any “carnival” type rides must apply to the State of NJ, these vendors must be lisc. and certify the rides are safe. This all must be done by the applicant. The city is not responsible for any of this it’s between the organization of the event applying to the state and the state. The City just has to inform everyone of this law.

Issue was brought up by a board member in regards to a group who had a special event on the beach recently . This group has been in front of the board presenting their application last year and again this year and were specifically told they cannot charge for anything on Ventnor

property, they can ask for small donations if they would like but can't make people pay. Her child went to the event and was not admitted until he paid for a wrist band (their sign very clearly stated \$12.00 admissions) and then she said she walked around and all the food they were selling very clearly stated and was marked a specific amount for a specific item. The board has determined that the chairman will write a letter and tell them they will not be allowed to return due to the violations that have occurred this year as well as an infraction that happened last year. A letter will be drafted by the chairman and at next month's meeting will be discussed with the board members for input and then sent to the applicant in question.

Also issue was brought up that the fees charged for the special events applications should be looked at to possibly increase them and all the considerations (use of electric , city bathrooms etc)the board gives to the applicants applying to the board for their events to take place- this will begin to discuss in October's

Also a reminder to all board members that November's meeting was changed due to its an election day on November 8, 2011. November's meeting will be November 15th, not the 8th. And of course October's meeting is still scheduled for its regular date.