

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Beck at 6:40 p.m. on February 19, 2008 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present were: Bart Beck, Debbie Beirne, Jan Sarnese, A.J. Russo and John Gallagher and Director Thomas.

Special Events Applications:

1. Special events application was presented by Michael Weisson who was here tonight to speak on behalf of the Ventnor Merchant's Association. The event is Tour De Ventnor on May 17 (Sat) and rain date of May 18 (Sun) 2008. This event would be handled by the Ventnor merchant's association in conjunction with the Ventnor City Recreation Board. It would be a tour of Ventnor on bikes throughout the city and then end up at the Somerset Avenue beach for a bar-b-que, volleyball games, foul shooting contest, and family fun.

Pre registration would be handled through their web site and day of. They would promote the event in the current. Pre- registration and day off would be by volunteers so that would help with the police presence needed. Helmets would be required by ALL participants in the event. Application stated 4 different locations for re-registration but it was discussed to have only 1 place to register—Tennis courts at Somerset Ave.

Electric would be needed hoping for a band but if not a D.J. would be used. They are looking for sponsors to help offset the costs. This is a great event for the city to have and the recreation board is excited that the Merchant's Association is going to take on such a wonderful event.

A motion was made to approve the application for the use of the tennis courts, having the barbeque on the beach and volleyball games, basketball but the actual course approval would be left up to the police department to determine if it is feasible. Mr. Weison understood this. Motion made based on the above by A.J. Russo and seconded by Debbie Beirne.

2. ARC of Atlantic County' application was presented tonight. (No one present) This is the same as in previous years. ARC wants to have a walk on the boardwalk beginning at St. James on Newport and ending back at St James. Last year there was no problem and

the fees and insurance are enclosed except for the \$200.00 security deposit so Director Thomas will notify them that needs to be provided otherwise event will not take place. It will take place on May 3, 2008 from 8am to 1pm. Motion was made to approve application as long as the security deposit is provided prior to the event.

3. Boardwalk Runners event on March 15, 2008, (not present) their fees (were paid prior to this event as a duplication, so this money is being applied to this event) and insurance is provided except for the \$200.00 security deposit that is coming. Boardwalk runners is waiting for a refund of an old security deposit so once that is processed and sent back to them they will send a new security deposit so that book keeping is current for both parties. Jackson to Martindale on the boardwalk. This event has been done many many times in the past so everyone is comfortable with the event. Motion was made to approve application as long as \$200 deposit is provided prior to the event by John Gallagher and Seconded by Jan Sarnese

***The Recreation Board would like to make a recommendation to the governing body to increase the fees of the special events application. With increase costs to maintain the city services, electric etc the board thought the increase should go into effect. They suggested application fee be increase from \$50 to \$75 and the security deposit be increased from \$200 to \$400. The filing fee would remain the same \$5.00. The current rates became effective in 1994 and the increase would protect the city for necessary things that need to be taken care of. The Director of recreation will make mention to the governing body. Motion was made to approve the recommendation to the governing body by Bart Beck and Seconded by John Gallagher.

Director's report:

A few things mentioned were. Night classes have started. There will be a Yankee Baseball game bus trip on May 3rd the cost is \$70.00 first come-first serve bases for seats. Can contact the recreation board at 823-7950, this is the 3rd year for the SCORE program and going very well. Director Thomas mentioned the volleyball courts at Somerset/Suffolk Avenues. He would like to keep them if they can be repaired. It is a great & unique location and a prime spot for the courts with such a great view. He would like to redesign them if possible. He will look into the cost of redesigning them and refurbishing the area. A motion was made to look into this idea by A.J. Russo and second by Jan Sarnese.

Director Thomas spoke to School Board President Nelson Morgan- he recommended to do the fields at the school, do a running track and redo the basketball/tennis courts. This of course is all a wish list type of thing.

The Director of recreation's wish list

- 1 adds infield mix to senior league and rebuild pitchers mound.
2. Finish refreshment stand- finish siding and gutters
3. Fix batting cage fence and add wind screen, add roof to top of cage
4. Finish stone work on road leading to home football side.
5. Check pricing on new fence for girls field

6. Add 1 larger bleacher to home side football
 7. Check into pricing for scoreboards for girls and boys fields.
 8. Girls press box needs to be redone- side walls- siding a suggestion.
- THESE ARE ALL A WISH LIST TYPE OF THING---maybe can do 2 or 3 out of all of them. Maybe can't do any right now.

FYI Pirate Banquet is Sat 2/23/08 at the Atlantic City Sheraton- 9:00 a.m.

*******March's meeting date needs to be changed due to board members not being here. Agreed date will be March 18, 2008. Please mark your calendars*******

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Bart Beck