

A meeting of the Ventnor City Board of Recreation was called to order by Chairman Beck at 6:35 p.m. On March 13, 2007 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey and Balfour Avenues in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

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

Guests: Jim Gulla of Group Basketball Development. - It is a non-profit NJ registered- approx 30-35 coaches that assist the kids in the program they are insured certified .They have clinics and then a traveling team. The teams advance from process of elimination games. The top team at the end goes to play in Florida. All the kids in the program must be academically eligible. Grades are important. All the coaches have an agreement with each of his players; if a player is not keeping his grades up he can be dropped from the team. They rent their facilities and pay all needed personnel from that facility and also run a small concession facility. They usually have hot dog steamer. And soda and various wrapped candies sold. Mr. Gulla stressed what ever arrangements the Rec Board makes they are willing to go over.

Chairman Beck voiced concerns in regards to: 1. Insurance. 2. The concession stands 3. Someone on property to handle the event. Mr. Gulla stated that there is ALWAYS a "Site" manager on the property. The concession will be handled anyway the property wants it to be handled, in a certain location, if they want food limited to certain things and also they of course would provide Insurance.

They would like to begin weekend of April 20 & 21st. Start at 8 am on sat until 8pm and then on Sunday begin at 8am and stop at 6pm

All referrers they supply. There is a small fee for a weekend pass- \$5 or \$7 not positive yet which it would be.

Member Gallagher asked if the BOE has been contacted yet. Mr. Gulla stated no wanted to get Rec Board feelings before going there.

All the gyms could be used at one time- Mr. Gulla stated that between 16-20 teams here playing alternating times. Also have the same set up with Atlantic High School and their facility.

Director Thomas said that the board would talk it over and Director Thomas would call Mr. Gulla back today and let him know the decision. Mr. Gulla was satisfied with that.

Guest: Peter Courter- proposal of a mini golf at the Somerset Avenue basketball courts or in that area. Mr. Courter made his proposal to the city fathers it was very positive but their concerns were of the residents who live in that area. (After several meetings with the Mayor and Commissioners several letters in regards to this matter were sent to City Hall voicing concerns of the people who live in that area). Mayor Kreischer wanted him to come to the recreation board and explain his ideas and then get the boards suggestions. He explained it is a prefab type of course- a fee would be charged and it would be seasonal business. Of course he would make it look esthetically nice. Flowers, shrubs, some kind of statues or figurine type to make it not look empty

Mr. Courter stated last night that since the City received some letters in negative views he thought possibly only doing it on weekends. He would make it fun- give prizes at end of the season a raffle type thing.

Board asked if he had insurance for this program since he is using "City" property and this is a private business. Mr. Courter stated no not yet would look into. Also Mr. Courter stated that the city fathers mentioned that this might have to go out to a bidding process if it was accepted.

Chairman beck stated that the board is all for the concept they love the idea but their concerns are:

1. the neighbors who live in that area
2. Insurance since it is a private venture on city property.

They stated that if all these things were taken care of they would love to see a concept like this here in Ventnor for the summer. The board also suggested Mr. Courter call Bradlees new owners to see if they would be open to this idea if he cannot get it from the city.

Hutch programs (accounting) Treasurer Gallagher reviewed all registrations and checks and was satisfied.

Directors Report:

Laptop was purchased by the recreation board to be used for all participants in all the programs. It would include the name, phone# and address for ALL kids in the programs there was a program that was purchased to allow all the teams to enter this into the system and keep for years on each child in all programs, the cost was \$2000.00.

Donations of \$1000.00 from Pirates Football and \$1000.00 from Little League to buy it. Thank you.

Director Thomas stated that Marsha Galespi sent another letter on behalf of CSURE asking for support from the recreation board. Director Thomas again stated that the board does support her in her efforts but they are not able to head up committees or make other groups change their minds in support of her project.

Director's report enclosed. 3 travel teams in south shore program. Joe Daniels will begin working on infield doing repair work for drainage. Director Thomas is meeting with the fire department to talk about doing the repair work to the refreshment stand.

Chairman Beck wanted to talk to the board and get their feelings on rotating awards given out at basketball ceremonies. He wanted the Playoff MVP and the All-Star game MVP to be brought back. The Rec Board agreed to this great idea.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Debbie Beirne and seconded by Jan Sarnese
Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Kedziora

Thoughts and prayers with the Schall's.

Cc: Mayor Kreisler
Commissioner Vespertino
Commissioner Schafer
Admin McCrosson

Director Thomas
Board members