

Called to order by Chairman Beck at 6:40 p.m. on October 9, 2007 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Jan Sarnese, John Gallagher, Bart Beck, A.J. Russo and director Thomas

Public Portion: Several adults from the public were present to speak; they were given the opportunity to speak first.

1. Nancy Tillis- 613 N Cambridge Ave spoke in regards to her concerns with the bonfire last weekend with the pirate's football organization. Coaches were drinking on the property. One coach threatened her son and it is not acceptable. Shouldn't threaten children and be a coach there as a role model.

John Gallagher asked what kind of threat. Mrs. Tillis repeated how she was told the events of the night. by her son. Her son along with other children were saying "Blue Devils"—her son was told that he doesn't live here by Mr. Bosselli, the child in question (her son) stated yes I do and Mrs. Bosselli asked Mr. Russo and Mr. Russo said yes that he is a "Miller". Tom was asked if he was here to start a fight by Mr. Bosselli, Mr. Bosselli stated that he was in Iraq for 2 years and he could find anyone under the age of 18 here to beat you up. Then Mrs. Tillis stated that Mr. Bosselli said to her son that there are only 2 places kids like you end up, 1 in jail or six feet under. After this told to Mrs. Tillis she went looking for Mr. Bosselli and then to Mr. Russo about the situation and drinking. Mrs. Tillis stated that Mr. Bosselli owes her son an apology and does not appreciate the when her son was talked to. When she did talk to Mr. Bosselli that night (he had a red cup in his hand with beer in it) he said to her that her son was disrespectful and she then said to Mr. Bosselli that you are drunk. Mrs. Tillis stated that she has concerns for her younger child for next year going out for the pirates. Coaches take it out on the kids so she went to the police department on Monday, October 8, 2007 and filed a complaint in case anything comes up next year.

Chairman Beck asked who witnessed the situation. Ashley Jaquez, 316 N Oxford Ave stated she did. And Mrs. Tillis heard Mr. Bosselli threaten her son.

Mr. Russo is now speaking as a coach and NOT a Rec board member. He told his interpretation of the evening. It was about 8:15-8:30 pm that night and Mr. Bosselli approached him to tell of what happened. Mr. Bosselli said that a few parents were complaining to him that "older" kids were harassing the younger ones so he went to the older kids and asked their names and no one would tell him their names so then he went to Mr. Russo who came over and recognized one of the kids as a miller, the boy then said I am a miller I am (said his name) . About 9:00 pm Mr. Bosselli came back to him and he did not see him drinking and he had nothing in his hands(a cup of beer) Very shortly after that Mr. Russo was picking up trash and another coach handed him a can of beer- not opened and that is when Mrs. Tillis came up to him

What is the policy in reference to alcohol on the property? This was asked by Mr. Randy Wetzel- 708 N Cambridge Ave. Mr. Wetzel stated he saw no noise no harassment, he was here to pick up his child who is on recreational program and now he is concerned since he saw to people in the very back corner of the field drinking. He was not sure who they were but they should not be drinking, they are all role models to these kids.

Answer about the policy. NO drinking allowed stated Mr. Beck

Mr., Bill Upper man- 701 N Cambridge Ave—stated that he also saw the same people as Mr. Wetzel.

Mrs. Tillis also stated that a lot of other coaches had the same “red” cup as Mr. Bosselli did. She also asked Mr. Russo if he had talked to the coaches as well as Mr. Bosselli and he said yes that next Monday. Mrs. Tillis stated that still drinking after Mr. Russo spoke to the coaches was a coach on the field... The pirate organization sent a letter out on October 1, 2007 and still after that letter was sent out- still drinking of the field.

Andrew McCrosson also sent a letter to the Recreation Department as well as all the board members and the pirate’s organization in reference to the NO drinking, smoking, dogs or drugs on Ventnor Property.

Mr. Wetzel stated that he sees drinking at the fields all the time—his concern is these people working with the kids.

Mr. Upperman stated that he has not seen coaches drinking but always see parents or adults drinking in the back corners of the fields.

Mr. Russo stated that he doesn’t think it was bodily threat. Mrs. Tillis stated that she knows it happened, she saw it and yes he was drinking. Ashley Jaquez also confirmed that saw it happen.

Mr. Russo states what Mr. Bosselli repeated to him, he asked the kids names several times because parents were complaining about them and that they kept chanting about the Blue Devils. He said that they were a bunch a wise asses.

Mrs. Joyce Cherry- 500 N Nassau Ave, Margate- stated he is adult he should always be in control especially when working with kids—no matter if he lost his temper—always be in control.

Director Thomas asked Ms Jaquez if she witnessed and she says yes he was drinking.

Mr. Russo apologized to Mrs. Tillis that it happened- he will address the situation again. Mr. Russo also said that he took offense to Mrs. Tillis about the statement she made stating that all coaches were drinking and drunk- its unfair statement , there are about 40

coaches in the organization and its an unfair statement- not all the coaches were drinking nor were they drunk.

7:10 pm the public leaves and directors report is addressed.

Chairman Beck wanted to let the board see a plaque that was made of the most successful little league team, 1972 managed by Steve Merlino one of our board members father. Little league had the plaque made to hang here the recreation building.

All invited to the reception being hosted for lights on after school on October 18, 2007 at the VECC at 4:30 p.m. Also director Thomas mentioned that a contract renewal was received for APR Partnership on tobacco control—Chairman Beck signed the contract.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by AJ Russo and seconded by Jan Sarnese.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Kedziora

Cc: Mayor Kreischer
Commissioner Vespertino
Commissioner Schafer

Administrator McCrosson
Director Thomas
Board members