

A meeting of the Ventnor City Board of Recreation was called to order by Chairman Beck at 6:40 pm on September 11, 2007 at our recreation building located in Ventnor Heights at Surrey and Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Jan Sarnese, John Gallagher, Kathy McFadden, Bart Beck, Director Thomas  
Guests were: Debbie Nehmad and Michael Feely, Angela & Daniel Gibbs and Jodi Weber.

Ms Nehmad and Mr. Feely were invited tonight to speak about the adult volleyball league that Ms Nehmad runs with the assistance of Mr. Feely.

Ms Nehmad wanted to introduce Mr. Feely because he will start assisting with the winter league. If the games are to be permanently at the pier something needs to be done since there is not enough lights to finish all the games scheduled. Last year director Thomas was given a very high quote to repair/replace the lights at the Somerset avenue area and there was no money of that kind in the budget to repair/replace. He has recently spoken to the same contractor and the price is considerably less so some repairs might be done and then the adult league would go back to Somerset Avenue. Nine courts could run at the Somerset Ave area. Would need entire set of lights to get all nine courts and more hours' would be available to play all nine courts at the same time.

Mike Feely is a brigantine resident he formed the Brigantine beach Volleyball Assoc and has over 18 years of experience. Debbie wanted to discuss with the board the pay scale if Mr. Feely came on board—Mr. Thomas instructed her to write a proposal and it would be discussed next month under personnel matters.

Winter schedule for volleyball as follows: Pick up games is Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and the first game starts November 6, 2007- this info will be put on the city's web page.

Guests were

Daniel and Angela Gibbs, live at 222 N. Suffolk Ave. they are here to discuss Pee Wee football organization and how they are upset. Mrs. Gibbs states because the children are not treated as a "team". They are separated into what is your last name, who are your parents and how long you have lived in Ventnor. They are not here because their son doesn't get playing time they are here because at the pee wee level this is supposed to be an instrumental program to develop these kids for the future years of playing football. Some kids never get any instruction or playing time at a game if they are on the "B" team. They should be instructed just like the more talented kids on what they are doing wrong and how to improve to get better but that is not happening they are put on the bench and never played. Coaches getting into conflicts with other parents at the games. Mrs. Gibbs stated that again it's not about her son getting playing time it's about the children who are not on the "A" team being trained and included in the team activities. When your team is losing 27 to nothing the other kids the "B" team should get a chance to play they are not coming back to win the game in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Mr. & Mrs. Gibbs were instructed to follow the chain of command, which is the Pirates Organization president first, then the recreation board. Both parents have stated that they have spoken to the president several times and even the coach (Although not approachable) about the subject and have gotten no reply to their concerns. The recreation board chairman will speak to the coach and also the president of the Pirates Organization in regards to this matter.

Mrs. Weber- 228 N Dudley Ave, stated that she is also here in regards to the same subject and what the Gibbs have stated are actually what she was going to say. She agrees with what Mr. & Mrs. Gibbs have said.

Special Events Application:

St. James Rosary Club- Oct 13 and rain date of October 14, 2007. Newport Beach and the gazebo from 11-3pm. It will be praying and guitar music on the beach. Motion was made to approve application by Jan Sarnese and seconded by Kathy McFadden.

Director's Report:

Bathrooms look great. Kudos to Joe Fisher—did a great job with the sheetrock  
Thanks again to George Baumgardner for his generous contributions.

Fall class ready to go—brochure being made now.  
SCORE program starts Monday—full staffing and approvals are set.

Director Thomas stated to the board the reason “we” are here is to be proactive in projecting future projects for the City and the future generations- he is very proud to be part of this board.

Director Thomas handed out to all board members the Local Finance Notice on Public Bidding Threshold.

Motion made to adjourn by John Gallagher and second by Bart Beck.  
Respectfully submitted.

Cc: Mayor Kreischer	Admin McCrosson
Commissioner Vespertino	Director Thomas
Commissioner Schafer	