

The Ventnor City Recreation Board of commissioners held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at our recreational complex located at Surrey and Balfour Avenues.

Present: Diane Birkbeck, Joe Iannuzzelli, Jeff Moore, Klaudia Advena Rec Leader Diana Logue.

Meeting was held at 6:30pm

Motion was made to approve July 2026 minutes by Klaudia Advena and second by Joe Iannuzzelli.

Dan Sinclair(sjyouthcamps@gmail.com)- does a flag football camp (youth camp), wants to do league in the spring. 4 or 5-week program. They will set everything up. They will complete recreation dept application form, pay fees and then of course provide insurance unless the City wants to do an 80/20 split. Once the dates are confirmed he will come in front of the rec board for approval.

Ventnor Pirates Board- Plan to attend the Rec Board meeting on Sept 8th to introduce the new Board members. They stated it will be a clean slate; it will not be run like the old board has done. New ideas. The pirate board members will introduce themselves and go over some things.

The Pirates asked rec board to provide a partial payment for a new freezer for the snack stand. Previously it was told to the rec board they looked at a \$4000 one. Board said that size of freezer is not needed, it's too expensive, possibly a smaller one. It was suggested that between Pirates and baseball they split the cost and fundraise at summer concerts for the money. The Board did not want to contribute money because that opens the questions of who installs, who coordinates delivery, who is responsible if it needs repairs and cleaning. Rec leader Logue stated to them that the city is only responsible for the structure not what's inside.

Rec leader met with Pirates board and Rick S from PW received a request for the press box to have the pirate's logo on it, a mural. Backdrop would be black and then Tim Smith offered to paint the logo on it. Commissioner Landgraf and the Mayor are happy to have it done. This will be arranged with the city providing the black paint. Motion to approve this by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by Klaudia Advena. Motion carried.

A realtor, Tom Benafro, would like to donate a flagpole over at the rec complex. Had some questions? Who will install it, who will maintain it and then a bigger size flag will be needed, the city then would be responsible for supplying it when needs to be replaced. A lot of questions were asked. Rec leader Logue will reach out to Rick S and Administration.

Pirate football schedule is out. Games run from Sept 6 to Oct 3, 2026.

Tim Newkirk wants to do the winter adult volleyball program as in past years. This was approved. The City will not be buying shirts, hats, etc., anymore since it is an 80/20 league. Start mid-October on Tuesdays at the VECC. Board was happy with this. Signups on RecDesk.

Summer camps wrapped up along with the rec camp. All camps plan to return next year and registration will be on recdesk as 80/20. Rec leader had a concern that when hiring the employees for the City Rec camp they need to be reminded of no cell phone policy for all employees except camp directors while working unless absolute emergency. Also, before the camps start next year the camp counselors will be trained in all policies dealing with the children that attend the camps. Rec leader went over the present employees and discussed their opportunities to return for next year.

Mentioned was that the rec department should enact a clear statement or policy in place for the kids that attend the camps (using foul language, bullying, etc.) A code of conduct will have to be given out with all employees on their first day and then attached to each child's registration form. The parents should sign that they will allow their child to be disciplined or picked up for inappropriate behavior.

Beach volleyball camp- 80/20 camp ran by Tim Newkirk They asked if it could be moved to the VECC- parents and coaches have asked to have it moved inside to the school. Rec department would take the word beach out of the program description so it would say Volleyball Camp. This will need to be coordinated as to when the gym is available on the use of facilities with Rec Camp perhaps during the beach week/pickleball so he can use the large gym. It was also suggested to state on the flyer that parents need to check emails and text for camp week in case of any changes. Motion was made by Joe Iannuzzelli and seconded by Jeff Moore to change the title of the camp to above as stated. Motion carries.

Court reserve- discussion was about changing to a resident vs a non- resident. The problem is that over 80% the pickleball players are 2nd homeowners, so they use their Ventnor addresses so everyone would still be eligible to get a reduced rate and trying to make a reservation at the same time. It was also discussed that many people are canceling due to not enough players and want credits. This is because many are reserving right when a court opens just have a court and then canceling last minute. No credits will now be given for that and the player must let finance/rec know within 5 days that they cancelled a reservation to get a credit. Once the season is over the Board will evaluate memberships and policies for the 2027 season since the court project will be completely finished and new.

Rec leader informed the rec board that it was decided that the entire recreation facility at Suffolk & Somerset Avenues will hypothetically close sometime in October. Phase II of the pickleball/tennis court area would begin shortly after that. New concrete, shading system, gazabo, and maybe a security camera. City engineer and PW will have final determination of when this takes place.

The rec board members stated that they think this is too early of a date to close. There is still very nice weather in October and sometimes November.

John & Jason Lantz, who ran the summer basketball league, wants to return next summer. They want to use the courts for Thursday night. Board thought it was a great idea; camp was successful this summer. They will do another facility rental agreement with the City.

Brian Adler from the JCC wants to have a baseball league joining Margate and Ventnor kids together to start a team. Rec leader reached out to the Margate's rec leader, he said he wasn't interested in merging the two towns for a team.

Board member Jeff Moore and Klaudia Advena made a motion to not accept the merging of the two teams.

Michael Senior sent an application and wants to use the babe ruth field on Sundays from 9-12noon beginning on Sept 13 through Nov 1st. Insurance will be sent and still needs to talk to the PW about the fields since it will be football season.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Klaudia Advena and seconded by Diane Birrkbeck.