

VINELAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER - Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUNSHINE ACT NOTICE – Dan Peretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Notice of this meeting has been sent to the Office of the City Clerk, The Daily Journal, The Press of Atlantic City, Local Vineland Channels and was posted in Vineland City Hall in accordance with The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Commissioners present are: Chairman; Dan Peretti, Vice Chairman; Ruben Gomez Jr., Aaron Melnick, Eugene Medio, James Clay, Chick Peale, and Recording Secretary; Charlene Cheli. Also present is City Solicitor; Jeff Medio. Guests included: Quan Johnson, Chris Morgan, Mike DeVito, Chris Wilson and Nicholas Basile. Commissioner; Rich Scarpa and City Councilman; Albert Vargas were absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made, seconded and accepted to approve the minutes as written from the January meeting.
- b. Mr. Elbeuf informed the Commission that former Chairman; Mr. Marcacci was injured and offered best wishes for a complete recovery.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made and accepted to open public comment.

- a. Quan Johnson opened discussion regarding background checks and adopted suspension policies pertaining to previous charges. He feels his constitutional rights were denied him regarding his prior arrest record, forfeiting his ability to coach. Mr. Medio explained the ordinance for him.
- b. Chris Wilson expressed his concern over an incident involving a Bridgeton police officer who is coaching a Little League Softball, Pigtail league. Mr. Elbeuf explained that the gentleman was given an appeal when that incurred and he was permitted to coach pending the outcome. There is **no** longer an appeal process which is adopted through a City Ordinance.
- c. Chris Wilson mentioned and invited everyone to attend a presentation that would take place at Vineland High School at halftime on February 6th to honor Vineland Midget football players.

A motion was made, seconded and accepted to close public comment.

3. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- a. Background Check Updates for Current and Active Coaches & Volunteers:
All leagues need to submit their current coaches and volunteers to Recreation Office. Mr. Elbeuf stated an email was sent out to all coaches regarding new badging procedures for all leagues. He will need an updated list of fingerprint records. Once names return from the State, they will be sent to T & F as approved to schedule a photo ID badge appointment. List of approved coaches and volunteers are being submitted to T & F weekly with a contact number.

b. Review of Outstanding Recreation Fees:

There is a \$500.00 Annual fee due for 2019 with SVLL and NVLL (SJ Venom 12U owes \$100.00).

c. Facilities Maintenance Updates:

- i. Mr. Elbeuf informed the Commission that the Electric Utility has worked on every park replacing lights and checking the breakers are all in working condition.
- ii. Ruts resulted with use of a Vineland Fire truck which will need to be remediated using a large roller from Public Works.
- iii. Speakers from 3rd Street were removed and placed at SVLL Landis Park with new wiring.
- iv. The old scoreboard for inline hockey at Landis Park has been removed at the request of SVLL
- v. There is a plan to build a practice football field at Third Street.
- vi. The old Press box at Third Street will be turned over to Vineland Midget Football for storage..
- vii. There is a plan to install new irrigation on Field 5 at Romano Complex.

d. Facilities Usage:

Fields are scheduled to open on March 1, 2020, weather permitting.

- i- Field closing date was proposed and amended to October 12, 2020.
- ii- Perfect Game dates for 2020 have been approved. May 15-17,29-31 June 12-14, 19-22, 26-29 July 24-27 and September 25-27.

4. SOLICITORS REPORT

- a. A draft of revised Bylaws and a draft of Parent/Spectator Notice was emailed out on Sept. 27, 2019.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of ID Badges. Most leagues have been working with the Recreation Office in supplying a current/updated list of names and phone numbers of coaches.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request for Commissioners to bring up any new business for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Peretti made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Gomez seconded. All were in favor.

The Next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.