

Vineland Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

March 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER - Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUNSHINE ACT NOTICE - Dan Peretti called the meeting to order at 7:02 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., Rich Scarpa, Chick Peale, Eugene Medio and Recording Secretary; Charlene Cheli. Also present were City Solicitor; Jeff Medio and City Councilman; Al Vargas. Absent were Commissioners; Aaron Melnick and James Clay. Mr. Melnick resigned from his position due to employment conflict.. Guests attending were; Gary Apel, and Gerard Mohan.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – No meeting was held in February due to inclement weather. Mr. Peale made a motion to accept January minutes, Mr. Scarpa seconded that motion.

2. PUBLIC INPUT - Mr. Gomez made a motion to open for comment. Mr. Scarpa seconded that motion. Gary Apel stated he is holding In-person registration. South Side Travel requested use of Fiocchi field. Mr. Santiago submitted request to use Fiocchi field as their homefield. Miguel Sanchez has not paid since last year. There are currently 5 teams under Venom. Sunday mornings at Romano Baseball an 18+ men’s baseball team (Aiden’s Angels) will use the field starting March 28 till August 8th. Mr. Peretti made a motion to close Public Comment, Mr. Gomez seconded that motion.

3. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

a. Background Check Updates for Current and Active Coaches & Volunteers – All leagues need to submit their current lists of coaches & volunteers to the Recreation office. Emails were sent to each league president requesting the names, DOB, & phone numbers for all coaches & volunteers. Most leagues have complied.

b. Report on League Updates - Soccer opens on Saturday, 3/6/21. Many leagues are having online registrations due to Covid-19 concerns. Travel Baseball/Softball Resolution 2021-001. Blitz proposed expansion - Resolution 2021-002.

c. Facilities Maintenance Updates – Hockey Rink and fencing was taken down and removed from Mill & Walnut Park. Winter prep work was done to recreation equipment for 2021 season. Pagliughi Park is 75% complete. Torn netting was removed from Erickson field at Landis Park. Netting at EVLL field will be removed from backstop area. All playgrounds have been inspected. Proposed Recreation Improvements 2021-003.

4. SOLICITORS REPORT:

Approval of Travel team resolution 2021-001, leagues and teams seek board approval. Rules: Article 12 allow written permission. No Travel ball during the week until after June 13.

A draft of By-laws is being prepared for final approval.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Peale thanked the Commission for their support of the VBA. VBA will be using the Pagliughi Park courts for their summer season. VBA & Vineland Pigtail will have the use of the trailer unit at Veterans Memorial School.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution 2021-001 - Approval of Travel Baseball teams for 2021. Venom has boys teams 10U,12U, 13U,15U & 16U, South Side - boys teams 10U & 11U, E. Vineland - three boys teams 10U, 12U, 14U. Travel teams will have limited field use of Landis Park, Romano Complex baseball & EVLL fields. No Travel Ball during the week until after June 13, 2021. A motion to accept amendments was made by Mr. Scarpa, Mr. Medio seconded that motion.

b. Resolution 2021-002 - Proposal of Vineland Junior Football League (Vineland Blitz) expansion of Spring Flag Football. Mr. Medio made a motion to accept, Mr. Scarpa seconded the motion.

c. Resolution 2021-003 - Proposed Recreation Improvements - Repairs and orders for replacement grills were made for various parks. New fencing will be installed at West Side Park. New fencing will replace storm damaged sections at Fiocchi Field Complex and Pagliughi Park. Mr. Peale made a motion to accept, Mr. Gomez seconded the motion.

7. A motion was made to adjourn at 8:20. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 5, at 7:00 pm in City Council Chambers.