

Vineland Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

April 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER - Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:06 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUNSHINE ACT NOTICE - Dan Peretti called the meeting to order at 7:06 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: Dan Peretti; Chairman, James Clay, Chick Peale, Eugene Medio, Hasson Hameed-el, Dale Elbeuf, Jeff Bordley, Charlene Cheli; Recording Secretary and Jeff Medio; City Solicitor. Guests include: Miguel Vazquez, Scott Riley, Andre Rivera, & Kevin Williams. Absent were; Vice Chairman, Ruben Gomez, Jr., Rich Scarpa & Al Vargas; City Council.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – minutes from March were approved as written.
2. Mr. J. Medio swore in Commissioners; Mr. H. Hameed-el, Mr. Eugene Medio, and Mr. James Clay
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Medio made a motion to open Public Comment, Mr. Peale seconded. Miguel Vasquez of Venom Travel league requested to add one girl's 12U softball team. Scott Riley & Gerard Moughan of South Side Travel baseball requested use of Mill & Walnut. Andre Rivera requested use of one or two fields at Romano Complex beginning 4/18 for 2- 14 year olds participating in a 1.5 hr., 50 yard running dash series. There are approximately 60-75 kids (plus parents) interested in this five week (ending 5/16/21) event. Mr. Rivera must provide proof of insurance. Registration fee is \$40/pp and includes T-shirt & medals. Mr. E. Medio made a motion to close Public Comment, Mr. Clay seconded. All approved.
4. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:
  - a. Background Check Updates and Active Coaches & Volunteers: All leagues need to submit their current list of coaches and volunteers to Recreation Office. Emails have been sent out to all league presidents for names, DOB, and current phone numbers of all coaches and volunteers. Leagues have completed online registration due to Covid-19 precautions & restrictions.
  - b. Report on League Updates: Mr. Clay made a motion to open discussion, Mr. Medio seconded. Discussion ensued of Men's & Women's Adult Softball, Men's Adult baseball (Garton's), and Men's 18+ Baseball (Aiden's Angels) 2021 season.
  - c. A motion was made for Men's & Women's softball league, all approved Travel Baseball Teams (EVLL, Venom, South Side), Men's Adult 18+ baseball Aiden's Angels, and Garton's Express Men's Baseball have an annual fee of \$300 per team. This is for practice & games, No Tournaments. Mr. Peretti made a motion to accept this motion, Mr. Clay seconded. All were in favor.

- d. Travel Baseball teams have been granted limited field use at Landis Park, Romano Complex baseball & EVLL fields.
- e. Opening day for NVLL will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, Vineland Pigtail will be April 11<sup>th</sup>. EVLL & SVLL will be April.14<sup>th</sup>.

5. PARKS & GROUNDS UPDATES:

- a. Mr. Bordley reported significant improvements have been made at Landis Park. Bushes have been removed and Mr. Vargas' Veteran's group plan to landscape the circle & garden area. There is a request for two flag poles, one for Mother's Garden, another at Memorial Circle. They plan to repurpose the fountain and add lights.
- b. Improvements have been made to Maurice Fels (Wrestling Building) property including removal of bushes from front and removal of fence & tree stumps. A gate is requested. There is need to reattach the Kennedy bust at Landis Park.
- c. Plans on updating signage at parks like the one at Campanella. New logo, posting open/closing hours.
- d. Parking lot remediation is needed at a few locations including where Vineland Mini wrestlers practice at So. Seventh Street building.
- e. Bathrooms at West Side park were removed. Added backfill where needed as it floods with each rain. Mr. Peretti made a motion to close the park. Mr. Medio seconded, all were in favor. Mayor & Council must approve.
- f. Mr. Medio made a motion that in the future all dug-outs are painted red & grey. Mr. Perretti seconded. All were in favor.

6. SOLICITORS REPORT:

- a. City Ordinance 2021-004: Park Improvements, review to approve budget for Supervisor of Parks & Grounds. His primary role & authority of improvements at Landis Park & Cunningham ADA playground. Expenditures of \$72,000. Mr. Peale asked if the courts at Magnolia Park could be resurfaced & lighting upgraded. Gittone Park courts need to be resurfaced proposed cost \$150,000.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2021-004 – improvements to Recreational facilities, Parks & Grounds.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:18:35. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm in City Council Chambers.