

Vineland Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting

September 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Peretti called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUNSHINE ACT NOTICE –

Notice of this meeting has been sent to the Office of the City Clerk, The Daily Journal, The Press of Atlantic City, Local Vineland Television Channel and was posted in Vineland City Hall in accordance with The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Commissioners present are: Mr. Peretti, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Medio, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hameed-El., Mr. Peale and Recording Secretary; Ms. Cheli. Also attending is Councilman; Mr. Vargas. Commissioner; Mr. Scarpa & City Solicitor; Mr. Medio. were not in attendance. Mr. Mike DeVito was a guest.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from July 3, 2021 were approved as written.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Mr. Medio made a motion to open for comment, Mr. Peale seconded. Mr. DeVito, VSA commented on field maintenance and expressed his appreciation of field conditions are very good.. He reported having 451 children signed up for soccer with 67 coaches. The 2022 Spring rotation of field schedule was discussed. He questioned keys for the bathrooms. Mr. Elbeuf stated one man is assigned for maintenance on Fridays. Mr. Peretti made a motion to close public comment, Mr. Clay seconded.
3. **RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

It was reported there are 18 lights needing to be replaced at Soccer. Mr. Elbeuf shared information of the RFF account and how these monies are generated by park rentals, league and travel fees then allocated accordingly. There are issues with use of goal posts belonging to VSA league being used and moved without authorization.

The Recreation Department office and equipment will relocate temporarily (1.5 - 2 yrs.) to Butler Ave School while a new facility is built at VPW. Security fencing for equipment will cost \$63,843.

Fencing for Gittone Park parking lot is scheduled to be installed. A new air conditioning unit was purchased for Vineland Midget Football league as well as new steps installed to second floor back door using pressure treated wood.

Playground equipment repaired at Tejeras, Landis and Pagliughi Parks.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Two Venom teams and one independent group are not paid up to date.

Baseball and softball fields will close on Oct. 12, '21. Mr. Peretti opened this date for comment, hearing none, Mr. Clay made a motion to accept closure date, Mr. Medio seconded. All were in favor.

There was brief discussion regarding a request for a car show held at Landis park during Unity Day.

Mr. Peale questioned the courts being replaced using blue color skin coat to reflect heat. He reiterated need to replace lights. VBA reported 160 kids signed up for Fall Ball making three teams. It was reported that a game against Bridgeton at 3rd Street was left trashed. Mr. Hameed-El recommended having a protocol in place to address and discourage these disrespectful behaviors from reoccurring at future use of football fields.

Mr. Elbeuf said he received an email from Stephanie Verderose offering to pay for a memorial bench to be placed at the dog park. Mr. Peretti made a motion to accept her offer, Mr. Clay seconded, all were in favor.

Mr. Elbeuf shared a report of annual funds collected from rentals of field & park usage. Balance was of \$41,402.48. Benches for basketball are needed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7pm.