

Vineland Recreation Commission
Special Meeting - Minutes
May 16, 2022

Call to Order Monday May 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Sunshine Act Notice: Dan Peretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM Notice of the meeting has been sent to the Office of City Clerk, The Daily Journal, The Press of Atlantic City and posted in Vineland City Hall in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Roll call: present Chairperson, Dan Peretti, Vice Chair, Ruben Gomez Jr., Commissioners: Rich Scarpa, James Clay, Chick Peale, Eugene Medio, Hassan El Hameed, Solicitor, Jeff Medio. Absent: Councilman, Al Vargas
Also in attendance: Mr. Sam Rivera, Mr. Tom McGurk, Mr. Nick Basile, and Mr. Chris Morgan.

Mr. Scarpa made a motion to open Public Comment, seconded by Mr. Clay

Mr. Sam Rivera addressed the Commission pleading for an appeal to allow him to coach. He admitted his past charges for why he failed his background check. Mr. Gomez commented on Mr. Rivera's dedication to the kids in North Vineland Little League. Mr. Rivera was told there is no appeal process by the Commission. He was instructed to apply for an expungement which he can file himself online.

Motion to close public input by Mr. Scarpa and seconded by Mr. Medio

Resolution # 2022-005 was discussed. Motion to approve Ordinance #2022-005 by Mr. Clay and seconded by Mr. Scarpa. 6 votes yes-1 vote nay by Mr. Hameed-El. Mr. Peretti signed the Resolution.

Mr. Elbeuf and Mr. Ruben Gomez reported what they observed on Sunday May 15, 2022 at Vineland Pigtail Fields which had a travel team double header. Team SJ Cannons had a coach who was given a directive that he could not coach or be involved with any youth sports team for failing his background check. He and his team manager were also emailed that Mr. Pena was not allowed to coach or be involved with SJ Cannons Softball travel team. Mr. Elbeuf was instructed to send out and email the following morning by Co-Chairperson, Mr. Reuben Gomez to suspend field privileges to the SJ Cannons softball travel team. A motion was made by Mr. Clay and seconded by Mr. Gomez to send an official email notice to the South Jersey Cannons travel softball team for suspension of all Vineland City fields and that they must attend the next Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 1, 2022 at Vineland City Hall 7:00 pm. All were in favor.

New Business

Mr. Elbeuf reported that he had received information from a Mr. Smith requesting the Commission to consider making a dedication for Mr. John Polaha. It was decided to table this until our next meeting scheduled on June 1, 2022 and discuss the possibility of naming the Vineland Pigtail Fields at Fiocchi Complex in honor of Mr. Polaha.

Mr. Clay would like to propose a process for auditing all Leagues financial records each year and possibly helping leagues with proper accounting.

Mr. Peretti made a suggestion to put on discussion on the agenda of the next meeting a purchase of getting a recording machine for the future.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Medio and seconded by Mr. Peale
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm