

Vineland Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022

Call to Order: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:03 pm

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 City Clerk, The Daily Journal, The Press of Atlantic City, local Vineland channels and posted in Vineland City Hall in accordance with The New Jersey Open

Public Meeting Act. Commissioners present are; Chairman, Dan Peretti, Commissioners; Rich Scarpa, Brett Scarpa, James Clay, Chick Peale, Hasson Hameed El, Recording Secretary; Charlene Cheli, Councilman; Albert Vargas & Solicitor; Jeff Medio. Also attending were; Aaron Melnick, Jessica Suppa, Ed Wygor, Billy Pena, Jorge Ortiz, Mike DeVito. Commissioners Reuben Gomez, Jr. and Eugene Medio were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Peretti made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Mr. Scarpa. Motion carried to accept minutes as written.

Public Comment:

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

Jessica Suppa requested an update on finger printing process. Mike DeVito requested trash receptacles and ask to be included with helping turf management at Romano Complex.

Mr. Clay made a motion to close public Comment, seconded by Mr. Scarpa.

Mr. Elbeuf asked everyone to remember former Recreation Superintendent, John Polaha's who recently passed away. Mr. Elbeuf stated that John was a great man who cared deeply for all kids in our recreation programs.

Updates:

Challenger league is registering kids and starts this month. The Running Club started May 2nd. Marcacci Track had cracks fixed & striping completed. We are waiting for swing sets for Paliughi Park. Electrical work at Butler Ave. has been completed. We are waiting for pricing on replacement electrical panels for scoreboard light the Pigtail fields.

Old Business:

Fees for Puerto Rican festival slated for July 26 - 31, 2022 have been paid. We are still waiting for the certificate of insurance for the event.

New Business:

VBA appeal was discussed. Mr. Clay made a motion to suspend first game of next season involving a player who received a technical foul in the championship games this year. Mr. Scarpa seconded, all were in favor. Mr. Peale abstained.

SJ Venom U11 Travel team submitted their payment for travel ball. They also provided their roster and contact number.

Jimmy Cavaliero and Brett Scarpa took courses and are now Certified Pool Operators. In addition, as of 4/24/22, Brett Scarpa is a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.

Mr. Clay made a motion to issue a warning regarding unauthorized use of fields by Jorge Ortiz who manages the SJ Cannons softball team. Mr. Scarpa seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Peale notified the Commission that the VBA trailer needs a new AC/Heater replacement. A quote of \$15,000 was provided presently Recreation Department is looking for other options.

Due to possible criminal charges in emails of someone who is involved with youth sports in Vineland Mr. Clay made a motion to hold a special meeting in two weeks. Mr. Peretti seconded. All in favor. It was suggested to send an email to all league coaches & volunteers to attend.

Mr. Clay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peretti at 8:38. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 6, 2022.

All are wished a safe, happy Memorial Day weekend.