

Vineland Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2022

Call to Order: Wednesday July 6, 2022 at 7:00 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 and posted in the Vineland City Hall in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Commissioners present are; Chairman, Dan Peretti, Co-Chairperson, Rueben Gomez, James Clay, Rich Scarpa, Eugene Medio, Hassan El, absent was Charlene Cheli, Chick Peale. Al Vargas, City Council and Solicitor Jeff Medio. Also present was Chris Morgan, Ivan Jones, Robert Jackson, Chris Wilson, Doug Stasuk and Al Fischer.
No approval of minutes from June meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Peretti made a motion to open Public Comment. James Clay second the motion.
Mr. Ivan Jones addressed the commission to inform he would like to run for President of VMFL and is presently updating his background check. Robert Jackson would be his Vice President who also is updating his background check. Ivan has five people total for his board and will supply the names of those interested. Mr. Hassan El asked what is the procedure for filling the board requirements. The previous names of the VMFL board had only one person who was qualified and passed the background check. 5 out of 7 did not take a background check or needed to take the criminal background check again. Commission will review names of interested parties at the next meeting Monday August 8, 2022. Dan Peretti motioned to close Pubic Input and seconded by James Clay. All approved.
LEAGUE UPDATES VBA is asking for the electrical outlet to be moved to the center of the courts for easier access. VPL hosted the Babe Ruth State Tournament June 24-26. 20 teams were in the competition. Out of area teams and the Tournament officials were very impressed with the field conditions at the Vineland Pigtail complex.
Vineland Running Series at Campanella Park starts this week. 75-80 kids are signed up to compete July 6th.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Storage container has been delivered for the Blitz. Tru Green has completed their weed control and VSA is very pleased with the results. New roof has been installed at VMFL. Disc golf baskets are in and ready to be installed at Landis Park. Quotes are being received for the repair of cracks at Pagliughi Park. Getting a price for new playground equipment at Landis Park. One quote was 85,000-90,000 for new equipment and installation. We have not received the equipment for Carl Arthur or the new tot swings for Pagliughi Park. Two new dog waste stations have been ordered for the dog park.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Budget balance is 20,351.41. RFF Account balance is 43,793.40

June Deposits \$3,793.00

July rentals for parks is very booked up.

OLD BUSINESS

State contracts are still out to bid for Gittone Park resurfacing.

Discuss of independent audits of Recreation Leagues financials.

First three leagues to be audited are Vineland Mini Wrestling, Blitz Football, and Vineland Midget Football. Motion by Rich Scarpa to contact the treasurers for their books of financial information to start the audit process. Seconded by Rueben Gomez. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Stasuk presented a formal request to the Commission for a consideration of a 12/13U Little League Tournament for two weekends September 16 and September 23. 10-12 teams each weekend. Round robin play with drop dead final of each game. Use of Cunningham Park fields 1 & 2. Jerry Morales, president of NVLL has no conflict. Registration Fees will be 900-1200 per team. 20% donation given to the families of Tyler Hemsley and Nico Figueroa for a benefit in their names scholarship. Tabled for discussion at the next commission meeting in August.

Chris Wilson is appealing his suspension of being involved with VMFL or any youth sports in Vineland. He reported he has a court date in Pa. on July 14th. Commission will consider his appeal pending the outcome of the court decision. Chris Wilson questioned if a misdemeanor offense charge was the same as a felon and if that would disqualify someone from being involved with youth sports in Vineland. Mr. Clay explained that different States have different explanations of charges on misdemeanor or felony charges. Mr. Jeff Medio explained that Mr. Wilson was given a suspension pending a public record of the charges he had incurred in Pa. which in an amendment to the commission by-laws as to anyone charged with an arrest that would disqualify that individual if found guilty would be suspended.

There will be a Recreation sponsored music event on Saturday August 13th at Giampetro Park. Tickets are free to the first 2,000 people. Must have a ticket to enter the concert. The band is Frontiers which is the number one tribute band to Journey. Concert is being dedicated to the memory of John Wilhelm.

Motion to end the meeting by James Clay seconded by Gene Medio All in favor.

Next meeting will be Monday August 8, 2022 at 7pm.