

Vineland Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2022

Call to Order: Monday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00
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, James Clay, Brett Scarpa, Reuben Gomez Jr., Chick Peale, Hasson Hameed El, Recording Secretary; Charlene Cheli, Council Liaison; Albert Vargas & Solicitor; Jeff Medio, Esq. Commissioner Eugene Medio was absent.
Guests included; Pauline Pagan, Albert Porter, Sharon Douglas, Tracey Wells-Huggins, Chris Wilson, Terry Brown, Jasmine Gomez Denby, Quan Johnson, Tamika Thompson, Colaly S. Barnett.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Public Comment:

Mr. Peretti made a motion to open for Public Comment. Mr. Clay seconded. Concern was brought up over process to open & maintain public pools. Mr. Elbeuf explained the two pool closings were due to covid virus, in addition to his efforts to maintain/open pools & employ nine lifeguards both male & female. Chris Wilson asked who authorized purchase & use of new locks. He also stated, "I never called you (Mr. Elbeuf) a racist". He said his recommendation had nothing to do with the Recreation Commission. He stressed, "No more locks!" Mr. Elbeuf said he did not recommend locks. He instructed Chris Wilson in a letter that charges were dropped. He recieved no response & keys were not returned. Mr. Clay said it was an agenda item & was voted on due to lack of communication & apparent cooperation. Chris stated there were 14 board members names that were submitted. Sharon Douglas, (VMFB) expressed her concern over justice & equity of City facilities noting missing tiles at pool. She wanted to know what money was spent, who was accountable, & who issued the decision to place locks on buildings as tax paying citizens. Mr. Elbeuf explained his efforts to employ a lifeguard. Quan Johnson stated that false charges were filed against him by Mr. Elbeuf in a police report & wanted to know the process for disciplinary actions. Mr. Medio said an investigation would be held. Mr. Peretti made a motion to close public comment, Mr. Clay seconded. All were in favor.

League Updates:

Football leagues have started. VMFL will meet on 9/18 to elect board mrmbers. VPL is hosting a three day camp 9/27-9/29. Mr. Scarpa made a motion to table the Kevin Williams Scholarship

tournament slated for 10/8-10/9. Mr. Clay seconded. All were in favor, Mr. Hameed rescinded. members. Plans for Blitz building were received & will review with the league.

Maintenance Updates:

Work was completed on Cunningham Park Playground. The parking lot will be seal-coated & striped on 9/13. A batting cage will be expanded this month. Plumbing repairs will be done this month at the Wrestling building. Dog waste stations were replaced at the Dog Park. Landis Pools has been contacted for a quote to reopen pools. Mr. Peale provided an update on Paiughi Park, electric was installed by Vid Electric Utility. Mr. Clay requested updates on II, III, IV & pricing. It was pointed out that the wrestling building would be a capital investment as repairs not building improvements.

Financial Report:

General Recreation Commission (RC) \$19,641.91. Recreation Fields (RFF) \$51,718.10.

Old Business:

Gittone Park repaving project resolution was passed by City Council. Contract needs to be signed. Frontiers concert at Giampietro Park went well with no safety concerns.

New Business:

Mr. Peretti made a motion to approve a fishing tournament at Campanella Park on 9/24. Mr. Clay seconded. All were in favor. It was recommended to circulate this information. Mr. Peretti made a motion to approve the NAMI Walk at Giampietro Park. Mr. Clay seconded. All were in favor. Discussion of debt for VMFL arose concerning equipment safety & helmets. Mr. Clay stated ADD kits, mobile AD, should be provided by the Recreation dept. Councilman, Ron Franceschini has \$1,800 in grant funding. Mr. Clay made a motion to receive updated information & monthly inspections. Mr. Peretti seconded, all were in favor. Price quotes will be tabled. Mr. Medio suggested submitting an agenda with minutes as a packet. Mr. Peretti made a motion to accept, Mr. Scarpa seconded, all were in favor. Mr. Clay recommended sending another email to leagues requesting rosters of coaches & volunteers (except basketball). Mr. Peretti made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Scarpa seconded at 8:48. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2 at 7 pm.