

Vineland Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2023

Call to Order: Monday, March 6, 2023 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, local Vineland channels and posted in Vineland City Hall in accordance with The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Commissioners present are; Superintendent, Dale Elbeuf, Chairman, Dan Peretti, Vice-chair, Reuben Gomez Jr., Commissioners; Rich Scarpa, Brett Scarpa, James Clay, Chick Peale, Hasson Hameed El, & Eugene Medio, Recording Secretary; Charlene Cheli, Councilman; Albert Vargas & Solicitor; Jeff Medio, Esq.. Also attending were; Joe Marcello, Ron Francischini, Orlando Arbono, Mike DeVito, & Keith Santiago.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Public Comment:

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

Orlando Santiago expressed interest in utilizing Landis & Romano Parks. E. Vineland fields are used for All-Star games. The 80/20 rule was discussed. Mr. Santiago suggested a 60/40 change in rules to accommodate Millville leagues for fall play.

A complaint was received of geese droppings. Mr. Elbeuf reported a company, 'Away With Geese' that's a tow behind to scoop up droppings. As Blitz games return, play will move to High School fields. City needs its own field as a public park. There are currently 26 teams with new coaches. All necessary paperwork has been turned in.

Ron Francischini shared a new ordinance regarding ADA accessible facilities & safety being prepared under 'Ronnie's Law' to include park signage, coaches certified in CPR. EMS & Health Depts will guide and certify instructors. This effort is not included in "passive" parks. The American Red Cross & ADA will facilitate.

A motion was made to close Public Comment, seconded, and carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding two teams equaling a league. It was recommended to have a sub committee to prepare a proposal to address this issue. It was suggested to have a city league with 'Round Robin' rules on weekends. "It would be great for the kids, families & the

community". Mr. Perretti recognized Mr. Clay, Mr. E. Medio & Mr. R. Scarpa to have a meeting with three league presidents.

We're waiting for quotes for lights, Bathrooms (not Port-A-Potties) and topsoil grade, lime for Oak Rd. Cost for six swings is \$11,300.

Tony Mendez being paid to coach Karate was questioned. Mr. Vargas said PAL offers a program for kids at \$20.00/child held on Mondays beginning Feb 27 to mid May. Mr. Perretti made a motion to eliminate this program at end of May, Mr. Clay seconded, all were in favor. Mr. Clay made a motion; next year to have an approval date. Mr. Scarpa seconded. Motion carried.

Facility Maintenance Updates:

Del Val was one of three oil companies contacted on Pool restoration for possible reopening. There has been a deficit in applicants to work as lifeguards required by state regulation & operation. Any input is welcomed. Mr. John Casadia has not been able to get Lifeguard/Aquatic training courses.

Old Business:

Mr. R. Scarpa made a motion to approve a quote of \$27,959.00 for playgrounds installed at Giampietro Park. Mr. Gomez seconded, all were in favor. (Mr. Hameed El was absent)

New Business:

Jake's place at Romano Park is Green Acres funded & going out for birds in April. City is working with an architect on this project.

Mr. Vargas updated the Commission on progress of the 'Gold Star' statue which might take two more months to complete.

Mr. Gomez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. R. Scarpa at 8:58. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 3, 2023.