



VINELAND RECREATION  
COMMISSION  
Wednesday September 6, 2023  
7:00PM

**Start time 6:59 pm**

**Meeting at City Hall Council Chambers**

Dan Peretti calls the meeting to order for Board of Commissioners.

Attendees present were: Mr. Peretti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Scarpa, Mr. Peale, Mr. Hameed-El, Mr. Elbeuf and Commission Solicitor Mr. Jeff Medio, Esq

Also present were Secretary Stephanie Tamagni and Brett Scarpa.

### **Public Comments-**

Mark Goldstein (Goldie) has been around since 1975 as a coach/manager/umpire/player and mentor to many kids. He would like the support from Recreation for a fall league for maybe September/October. He also is limited on field usage but would like to have support for a summer league as well.

Harry Furhman would like to honor Sam Levy who passed away a year ago with a bench for Giampietro Park placed near the Bandstand. If he has funding for the bench can we approve the park Bench.

Orlando Arbona from the mens league wanted to let us know that he has an agreement with East Vineland to use the fields at Fiocchi on Sundays. He would like to use the fields until they close for the season and he was told by the Commission and Dale Elbeuf that it would be \$300 per season to play. \$300 in the Spring/Summer and \$300 for fall.

Wilson Polanco of North Vineland Little League would like to hold a Fundraiser Tournament for 14U at Romano with 4-6 games to raise money for the League.

Mike DeVita of VSA gave updates on the upcoming soccer season. He would like to make sure the restrooms are clean and ready for opening day this weekend. He would also like the exterior lights to be lit up a little bit later for parents and players leaving the park. Mike asked if there could be a second location for an AED to be located on site as they had an incident on field 2 and a parent/EMT stepped up to assist with the player in need. He would also like to know if we could possibly pave a 20' by 20' section in front of the gate for and ambulance to have access to the fields.

Gabe Santiago of Clutch Baseball teams would like access to practice and approval for other teams he has to practice at Fiocchi major field 50/70. He said 15U Romano and Fiocchi overflow. 13U Landis Park Senior field. 12U & 13U teams were approved previously and they built a team for fall. Is 15U approved for practices? They started already. He was told at the meeting that there is a \$300 fee for the season and he said there are no conflicts for field usage.

Dale Elbeuf stated Landis Park will stay open until October 23rd or 24<sup>th</sup>. All other fields will close the Monday after Columbus Day which would be October 16, 2023.

Mr. Gomez the president of Soccer Latin Nation out of Pleasantville wanted to let everyone know that he cancelled the soccer tournament that was supposed to happen this fall. He had announced publicly that he had the fields before any approvals had been done. Mr. Gomez is still trying to have a tournament here possibly next summer 2024. Dan Peretti told him to start with his paperwork and apply in December of 2023 for August 2024 approval.

## 1. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

### a. Report on League Updates:

- i. Blitz started their games this past weekend
- ii. VMFL starts playing games in two weeks
- iii. VSA recreation season starts this week
- iv. Mini-wrestling starts pre-season practices this week

### b. Facilities Maintenance Updates:

- i. Installation of new playground at Gittone Park started today; playground for Clemente Park will be installed when Gittone Park is done
- ii. Work on Field A at Memorial Field is ongoing
- iii. The old baseball scoreboard at Normandie Park was taken down; will be installed at Landis Park Senior League field

### c. Financial Report:

- i. General Recreation Commission (RC) account balance is \$23,638.36
- ii. Recreation Fields (RFF) account balance is \$63,436.54
- iii. August 2023 deposits: \$2,025.00
- iv. August 2023 expenses:
  - Lee Rain: \$70.59 for irrigation supplies
  - Reuben Hardware: \$363.75 for various supplies
  - Zane Western Apparel: \$1,087.68 for clothing
  - Ricoh: \$79.06 for copier
  - LaTorre Hardware: \$307.98 for trimmer/tools
  - Ace Hardware: \$76.46 for various supplies
  - B Street Band: \$4,500 for concert
  - SJ Welding: \$18.60 for tank rental
  - Bottino's Stone & Garden: \$1,605 for mulch
  - Lowe's: \$95.51 for various supplies
  - SJ Racetime: \$628.25 equipment for Running Series
  - Transport Planning: \$2,625 for Blitz's storage container
  - Landi Pools: \$12,992 for work on pool
  - Dutra Sheet Metal: \$54 for tape measure
  - ShopRite: \$316.75 for snacks for Running Series
  - Eurofins: \$645 for weekly water testing
  - TriCity Products: \$106.15 for office supplies

## Old Business:

- a. Update on pool season
- b. Harry Fuhrman wants to install a bench at Giampietro Park

New Business (Votes Required)

A. Approval of Clutch 16U Baseball Team

<p>1.No minutes to Approve from August(no meeting was held) Motion to approve minutes from July</p>	<p>All voted yes</p>
<p>2.Vote on closing public comments Mr. Scarpa motion Mr. Gomez second it</p>	<p>All parties voted yes</p>
<p>3 Mr Peretti motion to approve bench for Sam Levy, Mr Clay second it</p>	<p>All parties voted yes</p>
<p>4 Mr Clay motion Clutch Baseball 10U &amp; 15U contingent Dale Elbeuf receives a roster compliant with 80/20 rule. Mr Peretti second it</p>	<p>Mr. Peale voted NO, all other parties present voted yes.</p>
<p>Motion to close by Mr Gomez and Mr Peretti second it</p>	<p>Meeting was 1 hour 35 minutes long.  8:34 pm close</p>

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2023**