

VINELAND RECREATION COMMISSION Monday, July 1, 2024 7:00PM

Start time: 7:03pm Meeting at City Hall Council Chambers

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

Also present were Secretary Stephanie Tamagni, Brett Scarpa and Dale Elbeuf from the Recreation Dept.

Not present were Mr. Peretti, Mr. Peale.

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 5, 2024 regular session**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT Motion to open and close the public comment session required

Gabe Santiago of Clutch Baseball has concerns with the field conditions over at Romano Park. He also has a netting for a batting cage that he would like to donate to the city if it is permitted to put up at Romano Park. He was also wondering if there is any way to put Bullpens in at the park. His concerns with the field is that there are rocks in the dirt in the infield and the grass in the infield is horrible. He is inquiring about using the fields for fall ball since VHS reserved them on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. He wants to know why they can't use their own fields and let the Rec leagues use Romano.

Chris Wilson came to give a shout out to Brett Scarpa and the entire Recreation Dept. for working hard and getting the pool open, he hopes it can be opened next year by Memorial Day, the kids are having a blast and increasing the hourly rate for the lifeguards helped with them returning from last year. Chris wants a basketball league in honor of Mr. Harvard that will last 4-6 weeks. Landis Park is in need of updating, it has metal backboards and the courts have grass growing in them. The park is nice but the courts are in bad shape. He is using Third St as the hub and 4th St courts are ok, Dale recommended using Gittone Park for basketball games as their courts were just resurfaced.

3. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- a. Report on League Updates:
 - i. Babe Ruth Softball Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament on 7/4-7/7 at Fiocchi and Memorial
 - ii. VBA started season last week
 - iii. VMFL's flag season ends in two weeks
 - iv. Blitz is holding off-season workouts at Romano Field
- b. Facilities Maintenance Updates:
 - i. Carl Arthur Pool opened on 6/19
 - ii. Lights were installed at VMFL practice field
 - iii. Lights will be replaced on Field 2 at soccer complex soon
 - c. Financial Report:
 - i. General Recreation Commission (RC) account balance is \$23,638.36

- ii. Recreation Fields (RFF) account balance is \$37,893.90.
- iii. June 2024 deposits: \$3,400
- iv. June 2024 expenses:

Starr General \$4,005 for portable toilets

Reuben Hardware \$352.65 for various supplies

Lee Rain \$1,461.56 for irrigation supplies

Lowe's \$62.26 for various supplies

Endevers Fence \$33,671.80 for Memorial School fencing

Eurofins \$215 for pool water testing

All County Garage Door \$1,377.96 for shed door

County Conservation \$712.50

Landi Pools \$1,042.58 for pool chemicals and filter sand replacement

Ricoh \$79.06 for copier

Staples \$59.55 for office supplies

Custom Graphics \$73.74 for shirts

T & F Camera \$14.99 Polaha print

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Ed Wygor from Pigtail sent an email thanking the city and proclaiming District Tournament a success

5. NEW BUSINESS (Votes Required)

- a. Double Vision concert at Giampietro Park on 7/12/24
- b. July 13, 2024 dedication for John Polaha at the Senior Center.

6. SOLICITORS REPORT

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7. ADJOURNMENT

** Vote Required

1. Approval of June minutes, Mr. Scarpa motion to approve Mr. Clay 2 nd it.	Mr. Medio obstained everyone else in favor.
2. Mr. Scarpa motion to open public comments, Mr. Clay 2 nd it.	All in favor
3. Mr. Clay motion to have courts evaluated, Mr. Scarpa 2 nd it.	All in favor
4. Mr. Clay made a motion to evaluate and assess the public pool at Sabater and get a quote on repairs, Mr. Medio 2 nd it.	All in favor
Mr. Scarpa motion to close the meeting, Mr. Clay 2 nd it.	All in favor.

Meeting closed at 7:46pm	Meeting was 43 min long

Next meeting on August 7, 2024