

Start time: 7:02pm

Meeting at City Hall Council Chambers

Attendees present were: Mr. Peretti, Mr. Clay, Mr. Hameed-El, Mr. Peale, Mr. Vargas.

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

Not present were Mr. Scarpa, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Medio and Commission Solicitor Mr. Jeff Medio.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 1, 2024 - regular session**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Peretti motion to open public comments and Mr. Clay second it.

- a. **Eric from Rhino powerwash is proposing to clean up some of the parks in Cumberland County.** He says he has a solution to kill algae for up to 2 years and it is safe for kids that play in the parks. **Hassan asked if we contract out for the cleaning of the parks, Dale responded and said we do it in house with the Recreation crew.** Dale also stated that we need to present the contract to the Business Administrator to get approval.
- b. Mike DeVito of VSA stated that the growth of the league is so much that they are having trouble fielding all of the kids. The lights were fixed on field 2 and made ruts in the grass destroying the field for use. He was wondering what the status of the Blitz relocating to Gittone Park for practice and games. VSA has 12-16 travel teams and 30 Recreational teams. He is also requesting more lighting for Romano Park for the fields. He would like to add additional lighting to fields 7 and 9 and field 6 if possible. To rent 6 light towers it costs \$6,200/month plus fuel to run them. There is unauthorized use of the park -men's league on Tuesday and Thursday nights, Women's flag football Tuesday and Thursday, Jamaican team plays Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-Cricket team playing. Clay asks Dale where we are with the Blitz field sketches and designs, Dale said we are waiting on Engineering and Blitz. Clay stated that Blitz should be using Gittone park for their practices until they need lights at night as that park doesn't have any yet.
- c. Adrian Rodriguez is taking over NVLL he is motivated and willing to work with travel ball and is starting at the rec level. They have 4 nice fields and is working with Brett Scarpa and Dale to improve and make some changes in the fall.

3. RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

a. Report on League Updates:

- i. VSA has 205 travel and 315 rec players registered; season starts early September
- ii. Registration for Blitz and VMFL is still open
- iii. Registration for mini-wrestling opens on September 1st
- iv. Men and women's softball leagues are holding playoffs this week
- v. NVLL has a new president-Adrian Rodriguez

b. Facilities Maintenance Updates:

- i. New playground for Giampietro Park was ordered
- ii. Soliciting quotes for new dog park equipment
- iii. Memorial trailer steps will be replaced this month

c. Financial Report:

- i. General Recreation Commission (RC) account balance is \$23,638.36
- ii. Recreation Fields (RFF) account balance is \$43,093.90.
- iii. June 2024 deposits: \$4,600
- iv. June 2024 expenses: \$34,207.93

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Double vision concert has been rescheduled for August 30th

5. NEW BUSINESS (Votes Required)

- a. .

6. SOLICITORS REPORT

- a.

7. ADJOURNMENT

**** Vote Required**

1. Approval of July minutes, Mr. Clay motion to approve Mr. Peretti 2nd it.	All in favor.
2. Mr. Peretti motion to open public comments, Mr. Clay 2nd it.	All in favor
3. Mr. Clay motion for next meeting to determine the usability of the field designed for Blitz and make more space for VSA at their designated fields, also would like Blitz to come to the next meeting. Mr. Peretti 2nd it	All in favor
4. Mr. Clay motion to close public comments and Mr. Peale 2nd it.	All in favor
Meeting closed at 8:05pm	Meeting was 1 hour 3 min long

Next meeting on September 4, 2024

