

The Ventnor City board of Commissioners held their meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30pm at the recreational complex located at Surrey & Balfour Aves in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Diane Birkbeck, Klaudia Advena, Mike Cahill, Joe Calvi, Jr. and director Tina Prickett.

Motion was made to approve Feb 2023 minutes by Klaudia Advena and seconded by Diane Birkbeck. All were in favor.

In the audience: some parents who have their girls in 3rd& 4th grade travel basketball league.

Leanna Brookins spoke. 506 N Victoria Ave. There has been a lot of basketball chatter. Mrs. Brookins and the other mothers present feel that the rec board is not doing anything in regards to a complaint made against the coach that coaching their children, as well as the other children that moms are here. Mrs. Brookins stated they were complaints were brushed under the rug.

She read a letter she wrote regarding the conduct of a coach while coaching their kids. Plus a situations with monies that the parents/kids raised for a fund raiser to get team sweatshirts for the kids on the team and parents wanted he sweatshirts as well. In this letter Mr. Brookins stated good and bad issues.

In Mrs. Brookins letter gave a timeline of when the money was given to this coach, then numerous texts back and forth asking status of the sweatshirts to finally having this coach refund the money back to the parents /kids for sweatshirts that never got done.

Josh Trot- 107 N Newhaven Aves spoke because he got stuck coaching the boys because no one stood p to offer to coach. Mr. Trot stated that that is usually how it happens. This was one of the complaints brought up at rec board meetings, that there were other people to coach the girls.

Director Prickett stated that when she was there at signups, no one stepped up to coach. The coach they are speaking about, stepped up. That's how she became the coach of this team being discussed.

Board chair stated that at last month meeting the fund raising monies were never discussed as a concern with the rec board.

Katie Costello- 422 N. Somerset Ave. Her letter went on to say that the coach of this team missed "most" of the practices with barely any notice to the parents that she wouldn't be able to attend. Not working with the girls that needed extra attention to gain experience and skills to play. Arguing with the Refs and calling plays that the girls weren't aware of. Concern about fund raising monies and not getting the hoodies when promised, then getting refunded the money after league was over. Leaving girls sit the bench the entire game while attending all the practices. Mrs. Costello stated that she doesn't fell this coach should be able to coach in any Ventnor sports.

Samantha Holm- 5709 Marshall Ave. Upset about not getting the flyer to the parents with only 4 days' notice. Upset that this particular coach was asked by Director Prickett to coach the team without Dir Prickett going and asking the parents if they were interested.

The lack of presence of this coach for most practices. The constant cursing from this coach in front of the girls.

About the fundraiser matter. It was this coach idea to fundraise for sweatshirts for the team and the coaches. After sweatshirts paid for if any monies left over that would go back to the parents evenly to offset registration costs.

She spoke and provided a chronological list showing many texts between this coach and Mrs. Holm. Discussing the timeline or the sweatshirts. Mrs. Holm offered to pick them up and distribute them. The coach saying she is still waiting for them. The coach saying, she is frustrated and wants to cancel the order and refund everyone the money.

Mrs. Holm wanted to thank Katie Costello, Kim Brennan and John Doran for stepping in and help with coaching this team.

Mrs. Holm looking for guidance from the Rec Board.

Board member Cahill stated that getting the word out for all Ventnor programs is difficult and when dealing with the school you must do it on their terms. Always has been a problem.

Director Prickett stated that the Rec. trust has been reinstated ONLY for hutch basketball only for travel basketball uniforms. If they enter a tournament, they need to raise the money themselves. Not coming from the trust.

All those in the audience stated the same thing. Bad coaching. This coach will have an opportunity to speak to the Rec board at next month's meeting IF she wishes to attend. Dir Prickett will reach out to her to confirm her attendance.

Director Report.

Ms. Prickett is talking to Mr. Stinson our PW director to see if we can get the building at the tennis courts painted all one color. She then said to have all the buildings on the complex match in color.

2 adult programs she wants city to offer. A boot camp and adult yoga program. Board excited about it. More details to follow.

Youth summer camp- Surf camp is Sold out .

The rec desk app is working out good.

NEW Beach youth programs will be offered for this season if all goes well.

Marine science camp- k-through 8th grades., website is www.MarineScienceCamp.com. Available on rec desk.

Youth volleyball - offer 2 levels. 6-8th graders and High school level. About 40 kids total.

Offer a basketball camp (only if the resurfacing is done in time to the courts.)

Facilities update. Fixing the cracked on pickleball courts. PW will be doing that. City will save \$\$ if PW does, cos around \$10,000.00. Company Sport Master will sell the product to resurface the courts and instruct the guys on how to do it. If company does it , cost will roughly be \$40,000.00

Adult volleyball league Quan Nuygen presented application. Two dates. June 3, 223 and July 1&2, 2023. 8am-7pm. Checks and insurances provided. Motion was made to approve application by Joe Calvi, Jr and seconded by Mike Cahill. . Motion carried.

Request from Ventnor Bay Socks- SJSSBL – looking to use our fields for home games. Provided \$750.00 plus provided insurance. Motion was made by Klaudia Advena and seconded by Diane Birkbeck to approve. Motion carried.

Schmoopy's beach program. Mr. Orlov did the beach program last year. This year he met with Commissioner Kriebel, they discussed a money split of some kind. It was agreed the Mr. Orlov said to the Commissioner that he has already received registrations and now can't go back and to the parents that already paid and now tell them that price has changed. So city will allow the payment of \$750 for this year and then next year the split will be instituted if Mr. Orlov wants to continue doing his camp on the beach here in Ventnor.

A motion was made by Mike Cahill to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Joe Calvi, Jr. All were in favor.