

Recreation Board Minutes April 2024

The Ventnor City Board of Recreation held their April 9, 2024 meeting at the recreational complex located at Balfour & Surrey Avenues.

Present: Diane Birkbeck, Joe Iannuzzelli, Heather Furca, Mike Cahill, Jeff Moore (arrives 6:45pm). Diana Logue, Rec leader. Also arrives Rick Santoro PW superintendent and Commissioner Tim Kriebel.

In the Public: Patty Harrigan, Shaun McGill.

While waiting for Commissioner Kriebel to come. Mr. McGill was asked to come and speak about another option for the surf camp. He had a meeting with Lou Solomon who runs our city's surf camp. Once the surf camp is filled, Mr. McGill and Lou have agreed that Shaun will be able to do a separate surfing lesson camp through the city (rec desk), 1 instructor to 3 kids for the overflow. Schedule will have to be worked out. He will follow all the city's protocols, etc. Once Mr. McGill's schedule paperwork is confirmed he will then get together with Ms. Logue and have it on a flyer and then linked to the city's website for the public to sign up as an overflow option. It will be on Derby Ave, on the North side of the pier. 1 or 2 hrs. a day on a weekend, these need to be ironed out still. The city will advertise on city's FB page and website the lessons.

Motion was made to approve by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by Mike Cahill once all paperwork is turned in and reviewed by Ms. Logue. All in favor

Commissioner Kriebel arrives at 6:35pm.

Patty Harrigan- VPAC.

Talking about their special event they wanted to have it June 6,7, &8. But due to the pickleball courts being resurfaced they want to move it and hold their event on Sept 7 & 8, with rain date of Sept 9th. 2024. A motion was made to approve their date being moved to Sept 7 & 8, rains date Sept 9. by Joe Iannuzzelli and seconded by Jeff Moore.

PW super, Rick S spoke and stated that the repairs hopefully will begin within 45 days from this meeting date. He stated out of 14 contractors that were called for a quote, 2 showed up to give a quote for repairs/patch job. This is a big project. Going to look at resurfacing the basketball courts as well. Must go out for RFPs.

By July 4th we will hopefully know.

Court reserve is not up and running yet because we need more definite details, if possible, for opening of the pickleball courts. We don't want to have to do refunds if still under construction, etc.

Also Rick S brought up that PW will have up the banners etc but he wanted Ms. Harrigan to be made aware of that the contractor said that a lot for the wind shields on the courts

'could possible causing some of the cracking on the surface due to the vibration it is causing from the wind getting the banners/ wind shields and causing the vibrations back & forth. ??/ Food for thought? Rick S will be meeting with Kelly and Diana and himself to discuss this.

Asked of Rick S- Ms Harrigan asked if they assist in labeling the pickleball courts. Rick S said yes.

Also, she asked about rules signage. Rick S stated that PW are going to incorporate a lot of general rules into a few, vs way too many signs all over the place. Patty H asked if added to those signs can be "rules of play", Rick S said yes, can figure out something.

She also said when repainting the lines, the tennis courts surface (next year's project) with the temporary pickleball courts, repaint the lines as well as the other 2 pickleball courts we have at the tennis courts?? The tennis courts were changed into 2 pickleball courts, can we make lines at 1 tennis court to reflect "temp" 4 pickleball courts when repainting the lines in next year's project??

Rick S spoke about getting a new table out front of the court office. New flowers and plantings.

Quan Nguyen- 38th annual adult volleyball tournament. 4 tournaments.

July 20, 2024, July 27, 2024, August 10, 2024, August 17, 2024. It will be at the side of the Cambridge Ave pier as usual. Beach badges will be waived for those that have wrist bands supplied by the volleyball tournament for those days only (they are for the participants).

It was determined by rec leader the fees are:

1 check for \$400 security for the total event.

1 check total \$850.00 which includes the application fee plus 4 event dates, (4x\$200.00 plus \$50.00, application fee= \$850.00). Insurance will be provided. Quan did not want to get insurance unless he was sure the events would be approved. Now that is a go, he will call for insurance and have sent to rec leader Logue first thing tomorrow.

Motion was made to approve based on insurance being received by Jeff Moore and seconded by Joe Iannuzzelli. All were in favor.

Rick Santoro spoke stating that the basketball courts need to be rebuilt. Asphalt is all cracking, must be milled, the decision by Comm Kriebel and Admin in fact today he states that they said to move forward.

Comm Kriebel and Rec leader and board members discuss some issues:

Last month brought up was new recreation application brought up by Rec leader Logue were new pricing for small group/large group classes etc. Boad was under the impression everyone was at a n 80/20 split all camps now. The board had some questions.

Commissioner Kriebel was present. Commissioner mentioned a 60/40 split at a workshop. Doesn't want to discourage people from coming in and having clinics/camps. Admin wants this. We want to grow our recreation department and expand it to other camps.

80/20 split was brought up by a rec board member Moore. He thought that the City agreed upon this previously, (other board members under the same impression) . Commissioner Kriebel didn't realize that last year the rec board ran camps under an 80/20 split. He asked how many? Rec board leader stated roughly 7 or 8 camps from last year that are using this method of payment, through rec desk.

The board fine-tuned the new rec board application and will go over again at May rec board meeting for all to be on the same page. The location of these camps was discussed also. They will be, playgrounds, ballfields, Newport and Suffolk beaches ONLY since they are wider areas, Pavilions- Cambridge.

Added to the application will be – that the City reserves the right to revoke the application due to specific reasons (rec leader will add)

Rec Facilities rental agreement application- changes made were:

Small class -25 people and below Fee will be \$50.00 weekly/bi-weekly.

Med class (take out)

Large class -26 people or more. Fee will be \$75.00- weekly/bi-weekly.

Personal coaching (1 on 1 training) 1-5 people \$30.00

Small team/ coaching -6-25 people, \$50.00.

Large team/ coaching -26 people and above, up to 100 person - \$80.00

Next discussed was snack stand, sheds on the fields. Who is responsible for maintaining, cleaning the stand etc? Rick Santoro and Comm Kriebel present.

The city will be responsible for cleaning the snack stand. This will be done before baseball and after football season. The Ansul system and the hood must be cleaned by a licensed cleaner company who deals with fire suppression systems etc. Lt Iannuzzelli (of the fire department) will investigate this tomorrow (see who the FD uses and reach out to them). Give all contact information to rec leader Logue.

Sheds, each sport organization can buy a lock to put on the shed they are using.

Mr. Santoro stated that they are looking for a more secure keys system, everyone seems to have. They are looking into a “do not duplicate” type of key?

Rick S suggestion is all the coaches come meet with Rec leader or their main coach when their prospecting season going to start. They meet, they get a key, sign it out then have to meet again the rec leader and sign it back in . either with their main coach or rec leader???

Also brought up was about the Jr camp counselors being hired at 14 years of age. Last year the camp counselors stated that the jr. counselors are not much older than some of the kids that go to the programs and sometimes hard to discipline them. Suggestion from them was this year we hire at 16 years old?

History was that reason hired at 14 was to give kids first opportunity to work since sometimes hard to find a job at 14. Most of the time, IF her child was qualified was given an opportunity to work, help out the family and make a little bit of money.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by Heather Furca and seconded by Mike Cahill. Motion carried. All in favor