

Ventnor city board of recreation held it's meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at our recreational complex located at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Diane Birkbeck, Paul Hydro, Joe Iannuzzelli, Klaudia Advena, Jeff Moore and Jerry Thomas.

Guests from the public:

Patty Harrigan, Joe Tosh and Gary Brimberg. They are part of VPAC (Ventnor Pickleball Advisory Committee) for pickleball. They wanted to talk about having a pickleball tournament and adding more courts to the complex at Somerset/Surrey Ave.

Mr. Tosh did a layout suggesting several options for the summer.

Option 1- Take tennis court #5 and convert into 2 pickle ball courts, with portable nets. They would be there 8am-noon only , 7 days a week.

Option 2- basketball courts- put 3 pickleball courts in there with portable net, restripe the courts that would show both basketball and pickleball lines.

Option 3- 4 courts at the tennis courts, Court #5, designate only for pickleball

Mr. Thomas suggested taking out the wall and fit 2 permanent court, behind the building. They did agree to idea if Administration is agreeable. All services need to be looked

They also asked about having a pickleball tournament. They were approached by an organization. Dates are either October 1-3 or 8-10,2021 and they would use all basketball courts and tennis courts and having temporary lines done for the tournament only. This would total 16 or 18 courts., just for this tournament.

The organization would apply for special events application like everyone else, pay fees and insurances. Etc.

The board was very positive about the tournament. wanted details in special events application to look at.

Reminder to all- Rec. board Fun Run will take place on Friday, July 2, 2021 unless new restrictions are placed for outside recreational events.

A thank you to Diane Birkbeck for her hard work in getting the city bike racks for the recreation area. there will b 8 of them through out the area. Mr. Thomas and her will work on placement of them.

Mr. Thomas also wanted to mention that he joined in on a zoom school board meeting. He was asking for kids to possibly be allowed in the school's gym just on a Saturday for a structured program of some kind, to give them something to do since other schools are having programs for the kids, Margate & Ocean City currently doing programs in the schools. The school board they are not ready to have anyone from public in the schools yet. They can revisit this idea at next month's board meeting.

This summer so far we are having the Surf camp and the Summer camps provided no restrictions

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Jeff Moore and seconded by Klaudia Advena. Motion carried