

Ventnor City board of recreation held their March 9, 2021 meeting in the recreational building located at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present were: Diane Birkbeck, Paul Hydro, Joe Calvi, Jr., Joe Iannuzzelli, Klaudia Advena and Jerry Thomas.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Birkbeck.

Motion was made to adopt Feb 2021 minutes by Joe Calvi, Jr & seconded by Klaudia Advena

Applications:

Quan Nuygen- Volleyball tournament. It would be their 33<sup>rd</sup> one if allowed this year. He is asking for 2 separate event dates. they are for 2 days each. At Cambridge Ave beach. Dates requested are July 17&18<sup>th</sup> and then August 14 & 15. Very small tournament and would abide by all Covid requirements. Mr. Thomas mentioned that some of the nets are in bad shape, that he should get ahold of Mike (he runs the adult league) and discuss this with him. Mr. Nuygen agreed. All participants would be given wristbands to let beach badge checkers know they are part of the tournament.

The applications were given to Mr. Thomas with the appropriate checks but not the insurance. Mr. Nuygen said if it is approved, he could get asap didn't want to purchase it if not allowed to have the events.

Board member Hydro made a motion to approve the application based on Mr. Nuygen getting the approval from the Special Events Committee which Mr. Thomas will present the next day to them and then insurance will be ordered. It was seconded by Diane Birkbeck. All were in favor.

Alex Greer and Maggie Corrado present to discuss having a pickleball tournament/event. they wanted it in the summer on a weekend. Rec board was not happy about that, they were steering them to possibly in September.

Mr. Greer is an event organizer- We Bee Creative and Mrs. Corrado has company called Original Events Co.

Mr. Greer lives in Margate and Mrs. Corrado lives in Philadelphia. Both love the game of pickleball so wanted to bring an event to Ventnor to our unique location on the beach. Great thing about pickleball is that anyone can play at any level.

They proposed having a food & beverage area, farmer's market, live music, possible vendors all in the sand area where normally volleyball is played. They will have total of 72 players for the entire day. 10-6:30pm. with 1-2pm break for lunch. The band would roam around with no amplification.

It will be a fund raiser. they way participants do the registration fee is that they get friends, family, co-worker to donate to them. this pays for their registration fee and then rest goes to the charity of choice.

There will also be a sponsorship opportunities for any business, wether it be local or out of town businesses.

Joe Tosh and Pat Harrigan of our pickleball group was present to say they are definitely in favor of them doing his event.

We will have new courts- taking down the wall so that will create 1 court there at the wall and then can convert 2 of the basketball courts in pickleball courts 8-10am only.

Joe Calvi mentioned- the middle of the football fields were resodded

Also discussed was the fees of the pickleball memberships. Motion was made to make these changes by Paul Hydro and seconded by Joe Iannuzzelli. All were in favor. They are:

	<u>currently</u>	<u>increased</u>
Yearly	\$50	\$60
Daily	\$5	\$7
Weekly	\$15	\$20
Kid under 12-	\$10	\$15
Kids over 12	\$35	\$40

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by Joe Calvi.