

The Ventnor Board of recreation held their meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30pm at the recreational complex located at Surrey & Balfour Avenues in accordance with the sunshine law.

Present: Jerry Thomas, Diane Birkbeck, Paul Hydro, Mike Cahill, Jeff Moore, Joe Iannuzzelli, Joe Calvi arrives at (6:36pm),

Motion was made to approve October 2021 minutes by Paul Hydro and seconded by Joe Calvi. All were in favor.

Next meeting is Dec 14<sup>th</sup> so everyone is aware.

Director report:

Basketball tryouts- Cape Atlantic is November 15

3- 5<sup>th</sup> graders tryouts will be 11/18/21

January will start the kids programs at the VECC. Adult Volleyball was starting the neighborhood the rec board meeting. They will be out of the school no later than 9pm. The city administration has agreed to pay for the sanitizing of the school areas that are used for the athletic programs the city has, cost is roughly \$84 per time and this is done by a private cleaning company.

Mr. Thomas had a meeting with Administration concerning:

Pickleball courts work will start, they are taking away a tennis court and adding another pickleball court.

Several problems this past summer regarding not enough staff to handle the volume of pickleball matters. The city agreed to hire more staff to assist with members etc., allowing the supervisor to deal with other matters. Also, the city is looking into a possible app where everyone would sign up for court time for pickleball play.

Mr. Thomas brought up a special event meeting he was in last week dealing with a pickleball organizer "Funky Pickleball" that came in front of the rec board this summer requesting to host an event in the middle of the summer. The board gave permission for the organizer to have his event in Sept due to the fact the board placed a "moratorium" on any outside organizer preventing them from having any event from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Apparently, he went in front of the special events committee asking for permission to have his event in June 2022. The special events organizer stated to Mr. Thomas that due to timing of the rec board's next meeting and special events NOT meeting in December, the organizer wanted to get his promoters on board, asap, that why there was such an urgency to getting him in front of the special events committee. **This organizer also stated that he would personally refund any person complaining that they CANNOT play pickleball during his event.**

Special events coordinator stated that all rec board members were polled and were ok with him having his event in June. Mr. Thomas found out at this rec board meeting that one board member responded to person who called her that she was absolutely against this happening in June and another rec board member stated that he was never called at all. Members were upset that this took place and a

Motion was made that moving forward there will never be a phone call, the rec board will either have a special meeting set up, a zoom call or a conference call with ALL rec board members in attendance so that this misunderstanding doesn't happen moving forward.

Mr. Thomas stated that now a precedence has been set moving forward for more events being requested in "prime time", he won't be here since he is retiring in March 2022, but the board would have to make that decision.

Board member Cahill mentioned to the rec board that baseball has a meeting 11/20/21, he is retiring after 20 years so needs someone to step out..... he will still paperwork for 'administration things only. so start spreading the word .

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Mike Cahill and Diane Birkbeck. Motion carried.