

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – July 6, 2020 via Zoom
Chairperson Brian Sulewski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Notice Statement – The Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied by notification to the Hunterdon County Democrat and by posting with the Township Clerk and on the Delaware Township bulletin board on July 2, 2020.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Judy Allen, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Brian Sulewski
Absent: Rebecca Burns, Connor Devlin, Kristin Devlin, Tim Drew, Charles Herman, Julie Luster-Roell, Aden Ricci, Toby Ruttenberg, Linda Ubry

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of June 1, 2020 – Steve Smotrich moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 1, 2020, Tim Soltis seconded the motion, and members present approved the minutes.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The 2020 Summer Recreation Program is cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

REPORTS

Teens – No Report

Board of Education – Rebecca stated by email that there was nothing new to report since the June 1st meeting.

DTAA – No report.

Open Space – Steve said the Open Space Committee met on June 15th. Katherine Fullerton is working on a trail map for the Township. Kathy Klink is assisting. It was noted that the Covered Bridge Trail Association is a group with horse trails available to its members only over private property. These trails are not available to the general public. There are a couple of Township properties in various stages of discussion and review for preservation.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – Brian said Township Clerk Jodi McKinney sent him an application for use of Field A at the Park from Super Soccer Stars for the mornings of August 17 – 21 at the Park. Members discussed issues in connection with Covid-19 restrictions, including restroom facility cleaning. Township organized sports have not yet commenced, and members expressed concern with permitting this use at this time. They agreed that if DTAA is familiar with this organization and its safe operation, the Stars may use the field subject to following all New Jersey guidelines, payment of Park fees, and insurance. Brian will follow up.

COMMITTEES:

Egg Hunt – Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Yard Sale – Rescheduled to September 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a Sunday September 13th rain date. Judy obtained a price from Fast Signs for twelve Yard Sale signs and posts for a total cost of \$240. She thought there could be two Yard sales each year moving forward – on the third Saturday of May and second Saturday in September. Members agreed. Steve moved to approved purchase of these signs, Brian seconded the motion, and members present approved the purchase.

Fishing Derby – Cancelled due to Covid-19. .

Plant Swap – October 3rd.

Campout and Bonfire – To be considered in 2020.

Great Crate Race – Cancelled on July 4th due to Covid-19. Steve said Lower Ferry Road has not yet been repaired. He was concerned that a limited event this fall may disappoint racers and attendees and lessen enthusiasm for the annual July 4th event. He suggested waiting for the August meeting to make a final decision.

Fall Fun Fireworks – September 12th - rain date September 13th - Brian reported that the cost for a fireworks display similar to last year's has increased to \$6,900 due to tariffs on imported fireworks. The State permit fee costs around \$400+. Although members were disappointed in the price increase, they agreed to proceed. Judy moved to approve the \$6,900 cost, Tim seconded the motion, and members present approved this expense. Members plan to proceed with dedication of the new scoreboard at the Field of Dreams if DTAA is prepared. The new bocce court will also be dedicated. Members were concerned with a possible increase in attendance than would exceed New Jersey mandates for public gatherings. If State guidelines change, the event may be cancelled.

Community Day/Block Party – October, October 3rd – Steve said the band has been reserved. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

Holiday Decorating Contest – This event may be expanded and is in the planning stages. Steve said there is a new path across the Sergeantsville Green. Members had discussed planting an evergreen tree at the Green that could be decorated for the holidays at a community event. Steve said John Martin suggested a New Year's Eve event to celebrate Skunktown aka Sergeantsville.

Ice Rink – Rink not installed due to a warm winter.

Adult and Teen Recreation at DTS – Judy said the DTS BOE approved the request for adult and teen indoor volleyball, basketball and soccer beginning in October.

OLD BUSINESS

Scavenger Hunt – The test run for the new Scavenger Hunt created by Rebecca and Brendan Burns works. Members agreed it is time to post it on Township media. It will be a fun activity. There may be prizes next year.

Drive-In Movie – Members discussed other drive-in movie opportunities now or soon-to-be available at various local locations. Members agreed not to hold this type of event at this time.

Dilts Farm Park – Brian said Charlie Herman told him said the Township is in the process of obtaining a State fire permit for the fire pit at the Dilts Park. Once the protocol has been established, the Township can review requests to use the firepit.

NEW BUSINESS –

Request from Boy Scout Troop 65 – Members reviewed a request from Boy Scout Troop 65 Assistant Scout Master Chris Boyce to use the Dilts Park for an outdoor meeting or campfire. He estimated there would be 15 to 25 attendees. Township residents are members of this Troop. He said Scouts would follow proper social distancing and other safety precaution like face coverings. Members agreed to approve this use subject to following State guidelines. Use of the fire pit is not currently available pending approval of the Township's application for a State permit. Judy will contact Mr. Boyce.

Financial Report – No update.

Next Meeting – Members agreed to meet on August 3rd to review Covid-19 updates, the Great Crate Race, Fall Fun Fireworks, and Community Day 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Brian will ask Julie to set up the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.