

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – September 9, 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 xxxx, 2020.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of July 7, 2020 – Steve Smotrich moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 7, 2020, Brian Sulewski seconded the motion, and members present approved the minutes with abstentions by Rebecca Burns, Linda Ubry, and Julie Luster-Roell.

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of August 3, 2020 – Steve Smotrich moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 3, 2020, Tim Soltis seconded the motion, and members present approved the minutes with an abstention by Judy Allen.

#### Review of Open Space Improvement and Maintenance Plan - Goals

Steve said the proposed Open Space Improvement and Maintenance Plan must be approved by the Township Committee. This Plan addresses maintenance, not capital projects. He suggested a reference to maintenance of the walking trail, playground, basketball courts, and mulching at the Dilts Farm Park. Judy suggested some generic language with a reference to availability of funding. Members will finalize this language at the next meeting.

#### REPORTS

Teens – No Report

Board of Education – Rebecca reported the Board initiated half-days of school starting in September with full days to return possibly by October 9. There was some discussion about reopening plans. Drop off/Pick up of students is going really well. There is a Class III police officer present daily currently contracted until November.

DTAA – Soccer will be played with other Delaware Township teams. Softball will resume with a start date to be determined.

Open Space – Steve had nothing new to report.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – Members reviewed applications received for use of Dilts Farm Park facilities. They agreed that uses by Township residents for personal gatherings can be approved by the Township Clerk. These include a Delaware Township Seniors meeting on September 9, the Township March on Litter on October 10, and the Trudy Grimm memorial on September 26.

Members discussed a request from Laura Hornby with Girl Scout Service Unit 86 for use of the Dilts Farm Park on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members spoke with Laura via telephone, and she explained that the group would first use the pavilion and then go onto the field to star gaze with a guest astronomer followed by s'mores around three or four campfires. Laura said pre-registration will be required, and the number will be limited to 100. Members were concerned about the number of fires. The Park has one fire pit. Charlie said the State approved the permit for the Township's fire pit. Laura said they could adjust the plan to use of the one fire pit, and the girls could rotate around the campfire. Judy moved to approve use of the Park as described by Laura extending after the normal closing time with one fire pit and insurance coverage by the Girl Scouts. Julie seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the use.

#### COMMITTEES:

Summer Recreation – Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Egg Hunt – Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Yard Sale – Judy said this event is proceeding. The sale was advertised on the Township website, social media, and twice in the Democrat, and signs have been posted around the Township. It will run on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> rain date, if needed. Judy said posting the street addresses on the Township website will be very helpful for people to plan their shopping route.

Fishing Derby – Cancelled due to Covid-19. .

Plant Swap – October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jes Stahl is running this event at the Dilts Farm Park from 9 a.m. to Noon. People are invited to bring perennials and house plants to swap with others.

Campout and Bonfire – To be considered in 2021.

Great Crate Race – Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Fall Fun Fireworks – September 12<sup>th</sup> - rain date September 13<sup>th</sup> - Brian reported that everything is good to go. The Delaware Township Police and Department of Public Works and Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company and Lambertville/New Hope Rescue Squad will assist. The Park will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 7:30 p.m. Cones will be placed to delineate parking spaces. Via electronic signs residents will be asked to stay in their cars or sit immediately outside them. Members will meet on Sunday at 10:30 to clean up debris.

Community Day/Block Party – Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Halloween Event – Rebecca outlined a possible event to celebrate Halloween at the Dilts Park. It could be a pumpkin carving contest with jack-o-lanterns on display. Residents would vote on their favorites, and prizes will be awarded. Members will continue this discussion at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Holiday Decorating Contest – Members will discuss how to expand this event at the October meeting.

Ice Rink – Pending installation.

Adult and Teen Recreation at DTS – These uses are on hold due to Covid-19.

Scavenger Hunt – This activity was promoted on social media and the DTS List Serve. Participants enjoyed this hunt using clues that were posted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Dilts Farm Park – Brian will talk to DPW Director Jay Trsetnsky about repairs to the basketball court. Charlie said there had been some talk about relocating the court to make room for a possible structure.

NEW BUSINESS – Charlie said the Township Committee hired Maria Andrews, RMC who is the Township Clerk in West Amwell Township to serve as part-time Township Clerk in Delaware Township. The Committee is searching for a full or part time Clerk with a full time Deputy Clerk.

Financial Report – No update.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.