

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – January 4, 2021 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, Joe Benincasa, Rebecca Burns, Tim Drew, Charles Herman, Heather Opdyke, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Brian Sulewski, Linda Ubry  
Absent: Julie Luster-Roell

Pickleball Court at Dilts Farm Park – Jocelyn Mullen

Jocelyn Mullen introduced herself and described the popularity of pickleball. She thought one of the tennis courts at the Dilts Park could be converted to a pickleball relatively easily by taping the pickleball court lines on the existing tennis court so it could serve a dual purpose. The net height differs by one inch, but she thought the existing tennis net could serve both sports. After discussion, members agreed to talk the Township's insurance carrier for coverage assurance and to DPW Director Jay Trstensky to see whether DPW could tape a court with provided dimensions. This could be a spring project.

Approval of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary

Members unanimously agreed to select Brian Sulewski to serve as Chairperson, Steve Smotrich as Vice Chairperson, and Judy Allen to serve as Secretary in 2021.

ANNUAL NOTICE

Members reviewed the following 2021 Annual Notice Resolution.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION  
ANNUAL NOTICE RESOLUTION #2021-01

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch. 231 P.L. 1975) provides for the giving of annual notice by public bodies of the time and location of the regular meetings of such public body to be held during the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch. 231 P.L. 1975) hereinafter referred to as the Act, authorizes a public body to make certain other determinations and take certain other actions in conformance therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Recreation Commission of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Regular meetings of this Commission shall be held as follows during the 2021 calendar year at 7:30 p.m. at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd., (Cty. Rt. 604), Sergeantsville, New Jersey 08557 or via ZOOM with meeting link information provided on the Township bulletin board and website prior to meeting.

On the first Monday of each month except the September 6, 2021 meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, and the December 6, 2021 meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. followed by a car tour of houses registered for the Holiday Decorating Contest for final judging. In the event of inclement weather forecast for December 13<sup>th</sup>, that meeting will take place instead on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

2. The following newspapers are hereby designated as the newspapers to receive any and all notice required or permitted to be given under the Act including but not limited to Annual Notice and 48 Hour Notice:

a. The Hunterdon County Democrat which is the official newspaper of the public body; and

b. The Trenton Times and the Courier News which are hereby determined to be the other newspapers that will have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the area of jurisdiction of its meetings.

3. Copies of the Resolution, any revisions or modifications thereof, certified to be true copies by the Secretary of this Board, shall be disseminated and distributed as required by the Act, as follows:

- a. Posted and maintained throughout the 2021 calendar year on the bulletin board at the Delaware Township Municipal Building;
- b. Mailed or hand delivered to the above listed newspapers;
- c. Filed with the Clerk of this municipality; and
- d. Mailed to such other person as may be entitled thereto under the terms of the Act and this Resolution.

4. Pursuant to Section 14 of this Act, the Clerk of this municipality is thereby authorized and directed to mail such notice as may be required and authorized under the Act to any person requesting the same provided that person has first complied with the following terms and conditions:

- a. Any and all requests for notice under the Act shall be made in writing either by letter or by signing a request list to be maintained in the office of the Clerk;
- and
- b. Any person requesting such notice other than the news media which is expressly excluded from payment of any fee thereunder, shall pay to the Township of Delaware a fee of \$3.00 which said sum is hereby determined to be a reasonable sum, the amount of which is calculated solely to reimburse this

Township for the costs incurred in providing the said notice; including but not limited to printing, photocopying costs, clerical time, and postage.

ATTEST:

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Judith A. Allen,  
Recreation Commission Secretary  
January 4, 2021

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Brian Sulewski, Chairperson  
January 4, 2021

Brian moved to approve the 2021 Annual Notice Resolution, Linda seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved Resolution 2021-01.

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of December 15, 2020 – Linda moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 15, 2020, Tim Drew seconded the motion, and members present approved the minutes with an abstention by Rebecca.

#### REPORTS

Teens – No Report. There are currently no teen liaisons. Rebecca said she will check for interest at the DTS Student Council.

DTS Board of Education – Rebecca reported the Board reorganized for 2021. Cathy Pouria is President, Stephanie Dunn is Vice President, Rebecca is the Recreation Commission Liaison, and Heather Opdyke is the Alternate Recreation Commission Liaison. She said the Board will discuss bringing back facility uses at its January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. It will probably only apply to DTS students initially with possible later expansion following guidelines.

DTAA – Tim Drew said DTAA is not yet proactive in a basketball program pending a DTS Board determination, although it is very interested in doing so. Such a program would probably involve each grade in separate play with no grade mingling. DTAA expects to resume normal spring operations. It is not planning a spring fundraiser at this time.

Open Space – Steve said the Township Committee discussed the Open Space Maintenance Plan on December 21<sup>st</sup> but did not yet vote on it. There were some questions on tree maintenance. He said the SADC is in discussion with the owner of the Curtis Farm in Rosemont to preserve it.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – No applications were received this month. Boy Scout Troop 65 requested and received approval for use of the Park on January 30.

#### COMMITTEES:

Egg Hunt – Brian will ask Julie whether she is willing to organize this event.

Yard Sale – Judy agreed to organize the May and September Yard Sales.

Plant Swap – Jes Stahl said she would run the plant swap in May.

Summer Recreation – Brian will reach out to Maegan Harrington to see what planning is needed for a program this summer. It will be dependent on Covid 19 regulations.

Campout and Bonfire – Will be discussed.

Fishing Derby – Will be discussed.

Great Crate Race – July 4<sup>th</sup> - Will be discussed.

Fall Fun Fireworks – September 11<sup>th</sup> – Will be discussed.

Community Day/Block Party – Will be discussed.

Halloween Activity – Will be discussed.

Holiday Decorating Contest/Holiday Lighting – Will be discussed. When there is a permanent electrical source, lighting may be expanded to include a Menorah.

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

Scavenger Hunt – Will be discussed.

Brian asked whether there could be some spring celebration when we are hopefully past the Covid 19 restrictions. Steve suggested moving the Block Party from fall to spring.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

Ice Rink – Steve said he met with Jody Williams and Curtis Lee about installation of the ice rink on the LBL infield at the Dilts Park. It seems doable. Tim Drew said there are no issues with DTAA re: this location. Steve said the rink will be installed when the weather permits.

Dilts Park – Judy said the Commission had discussed signs at the Dilts Park about facility uses other than private uses. Brian said he will talk with Jay Trstensky.

Judy said there is a sitting ring inside a grove of evergreen trees behind the tennis courts that is practically invisible from outside the grove. There is a fire ring, but no evidence of fires. Charlie said the Police Department is aware of that site.

Brian asked about repairs to the tennis and basketball courts at the Park. Charlie said repairs would have to be authorized by the Township Committee. There has been some discussion about use of Open Space money for maintenance, but it would require a referendum to redirect some portion of the funds. Brian said he will talk with Jay to get repair estimates.

Linda said there are some pretty good washouts on the walking trail. She did not know what maintenance those areas require, but it would be better to address them sooner rather than later.

Joe thought it would be tough to convert a tennis court to dual use with pickleball. He said he could look into construction of a pair of pickleball courts through a sponsorship of some kind. Brian thought taping a tennis court now would give residents a taste of the sport. In the meantime, there could be discussion about construction of courts through sponsorship and recognition.

Tim Drew said there are sponsors named on the scoreboard. It seems standard to have sponsors for projects. Charlie said it is practical to have a memorial sponsorship, but the Township would have to look into corporate sponsorship of a facility. He thought that differs from temporary sports banners recognizing sponsors. Joe said he will look into getting a price for courts.

NEW BUSINESS – Brian suggested submitting last year's Commission budget for 2021 based on the hope that the events will happen this year. Charlie said Township is looking for federal sources to assist with lost revenue. Judy asked whether unspent 2020 money will be transferred to the Recreation Trust. Tim Soltis asked whether \$2,000 will be included for the Fishing Derby. Steve asked what is the estimate for running electrical power to the Sergeantsville Green. Brian said he will get the final numbers from CFO Diane McDaniel.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom