

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes
August 1, 2022 - 7:00 P.M. at Delaware Township Municipal Building

1. Flag Salute and Notice

2. Roll Call:

Present: Joe Benincasa, Rebecca Burns, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis,

Jes Stahl, Brian Sulewski, Linda Ubry,

Absent: Judy Allen, , Erin Buchanan, Charles Herman, Tyler Kadezabek, Heather Opdyke,

3. Approval of June 27, 2022 Minutes Jes moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 27, 2022. Tim seconded the motion. Abstentions by Tim and Linda.

4. Resolution 2022-03 Thanks and Appreciation to Julie Luster-Roell and Tim Drew for Years of Service on the Recreation Commission. Brian read the resolution to honor Julie and Tim for the service on the recreation commission.

RESOLUTION #2022-03 HONORING JULIE LUSTER-ROELL AND TIMOTHY DREW

WHEREAS, Julie Luster-Roell and Tim Drew have both served on the Delaware Township Recreation Commission since 2013 and 2017 respectively through mid 2021; and

WHEREAS, in their capacities as members they have both contributed enormously to advancing the recreational opportunities made available to Township residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, they both simultaneously volunteered in other capacities that also supported Township residents, especially children; and

WHEREAS, both Julie and Tim enthusiastically advanced the betterment of recreation in Delaware Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware Township Recreation Commission that it hereby wholeheartedly thanks Julie and Tim for tirelessly benefitting recreation in Delaware Township.

The commission presented plaques to each of the honorees for their service to the township.

5. Holiday Parade/Tree Lighting- December 3 (Rain/Snow Date December 4)- A sub-committee will be formed to iron out the details. A local resident, Tiffany Simone will co-chair the event with Tim. Tim shared some suggestions based on public input from last year's events, but encouraged those that had ideas to improve the event, to join the sub-committee.

6. Summer Recreation Program Report- Per summer recreation program director, Maegan Harrington 148 students registered for the program. She thanked the commission

for the support of the program, t-shirts for the staff, and sponsoring 5 students to attend the program due to financial hardships. Additionally, she provided feedback to the commission on the program successes and some items to consider going forward. It seemed the students enjoyed visits from the local fire and police departments, Kona ice truck, Farmers Table, and the Hunterdon County Prosecutors office. Throughout the program, there was a total of 6 positive Covid cases, and Ms. Harrington followed all CDC protocols for addressing these cases. Going forward, Ms. Harrington suggested the registration forms to be updated. This will be revisited in the spring, prior to registration being released for the 2023 summer program. The recreation commission thanked Ms. Harrington for her dedication to the program.

Resolution #2022-03 – Additional Positions and Salaries – Tim moved to approve the resolution. Jes seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the motion. During discussion the commission recognized and thanked Ms. Erin Buchanan for jumping in to fulfill the intermural position during summer recreation.

7. Reports:

- a) Teens- No Report
- b) DTS BOE- Jes shared that the bleachers are being replaced and the wood is being upcycled. The next meeting will be August 16 2022.
- c) DTAA- Registration online for the field hockey program is live. This will take place August 29-31st from 5-7 pm. Fall soccer registration is also available.
- d) Open Space- No new applications. Bob Hornby updated the open space farm map and it will be updated and available on the website.
- e) Green Team – vegetables are being harvested from the garden and being placed in the crop box at the township building. An energy audit is being conducted and will be reviewed in September. The green team will also be taking over March on Litter, which is scheduled to take place on October 8th.

8. Recreation Grant Update- No update on State Grant

9. Park Planner Update- Still search for park planner.

10. Recreation Plan Element of Master Plan – Final Version- Steven and Judy will make all revisions from the feedback that was provided and will submit in September. . Jes moved to approve the master plan. Joe seconded the motion and the members unanimously approved the motion.

11. Approval of Dilts Farm Park Application(s) –No applications

12. Committees:

- a) Great Crate Race – July 4. Steve thanked all the volunteers and those that donated services. The overall cost of the event was \$932.
- b) Kite Day – August 20 Noon to 4 p.m. at Dilts Park. Shoprite will be donating food. All volunteers should meet at 10:30. Prizes will be award.
- c) Sports Equipment Swap – September 10 9 to 11 a.m. at Dilts Park-

d) Fall Fun Fireworks – September 10 (Rain Date 9/17) - 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Brian shared the costs of the fireworks, which was \$8,000 not including permit fees. Joe moved to approve the additional costs. Jes seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the motion.

Notice to Adjoining Property Owners- Brian will be sending out closer to the event.

e) Yard Sale – September 17 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Rain Date 9/18) – Authorize Purchase of Additional Road Signs- Rebecca moved to approve the resolution. Tim seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the motion. Number 2,4 and increase #3 to ten was approved.

f) Community Day Block Party – October 1- As a commission it was discussed the request of a table by the historic advisory committee. The commission reviewed the purpose of the block party and unanimously agreed that tables promoting any group would not be permitted this year. However, the committee discussed the possibility of other events where this may be appropriate.

Table(s) for Township Board(s) – Requested by Historic Advisory Committee

g) Meteor Shower Watch Party- November 18 5-10 pm at the Dilts Park

13. Old Business

Dilts Park – Update- some commission members commented on the hay field on the Reimer Property. It is looking well maintained.

Girl Scout Bee Garden- moving to behind maintenance shed. It is about 250 sq feet. Roger Lacandro is donating the fence for around the garden.

14. New Business – Continued discussion around Broadway show in the winter. Jes volunteered to work with Joe on creating an interest survey so the planning can begin. The commission also discussed the purchase of a walkie-talkie set to utilize during events. Joe offered to look into the donation of a set for the township. Jes discussed a possible Chili cook-off around Super Bowl. Jes will continue to look into the best venue and date to host the possible event.

15. Meeting Opened to the Public- No public comment

16. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

cc: Delaware Township Bulletin Board
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Upcoming Events to be Discussed when Closer to the Date:

Plant Swap – October 15

Halloween Activity/Pumpkin Carving Contest

Meteor Shower Watch Party – November 18 at Dilts Park
Tree Lighting and Parade – December 3
Holiday Decorating Contest Judging – December 12
Property Naming Contest
Campout and Bonfire