

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – May 6, 2019

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 Trenton Times and by posting with the Township Clerk and on the Delaware Township bulletin board on January 10, 2019.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Judy Allen, Connor Devlin, Tim Drew, Charles Herman, Aidan Ricci, Julie Luster-Roell, Toby Ruttenberg, Tim Soltis, Brian Sulewski, Linda Ubry

Also Present: Maegan Harrington

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 18, 2019 – Linda Ubry moved, Brian Sulewski seconded, and members present approved the minutes as written from the meeting of March 18 with an abstention by Charlie Herman.

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of April 1, 2019 – Charlie Herman moved, Brian Sulewski seconded, and members present approved the minutes as written from the meeting of April 1 with abstentions by Linda Ubry and Judy Allen.

PROPOSED BOCCE COURT

Members discussed a proposal from Eagle Scout Candidate Ethan Gillispie to construct a bocce court at the Dilts Farm Park. Brian summarized information to date: Size will be 65 feet; septic location must be determined; possible location near the storage building by the bathrooms – possible alternate location closer to the pond. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Teens – Aidan Ricci, Toby Ruttenberg and Connor Devlin updated members on the proposed DTS Middle School basketball tournament scheduled for May 11. Participation may be limited because the DTS Baseball Tournament is also scheduled for May 11. If enough participants have not registered, the tournament will be rescheduled for this fall.

DTS BOE – Linda Ubry said the Board approved requests for facility use from DTS PIE, the basketball tournament, and the Great Crate Race. The Board will meet twice in May. It will honor the Teacher of the Year and the Paraprofessional of the Year.

DTAA

Tim Drew reported that the Department of Public Works aerated and reseeded Field B at the Dilts Park. The scoreboard will be delivered soon. Engineered specifications for the post installation were required. Seth Buchanan is providing them. Tim said all spring sports will conclude by June 15. The former Seniors' (LBL) field has been reworked for softball use. It has been a bit slow to drain water. Baseball can still be played there with use of a temporary pitcher's mound.

OPEN SPACE – No report.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – There were no applications for the Commission to review and approve.

PLANT SWAP

Jes Stahl has offered to organize a plant swap at the Dilts Park pavilion on Sunday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Members agreed. This event will be promoted on social media.

FISHING DERBY

Tim Soltis discussed the possibility of a Fishing Derby, perhaps in August. Participants would take time stamped pictures of the fish they catch and submit them. This event will be further discussed.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Summer Recreation Director Maegan Harrington discussed progress to date. She and members discussed at length finger printing and background checks for employees. It will require additional costs to the Program. Members agreed that every 2019 employee aged 18 and older will be finger printed/background checked with the Township paying for this expense (\$45/pp). Returning employees in 2020 and 2021 will not be repeat checked. New employees will be checked. In 2022 everyone will be checked again unless checked within the past two years. If an employee misses a year of the Program and returns to the Program, he will be checked again.

Members discussed blood borne pathogen and bullying training. There are online training course available. All of the head counselors are teachers and have had these trainings. Members agreed their training would serve the Program.

Maegan described this year's proposed Program. There are no major changes. The Program will provide good, old-fashioned fun.

Members discussed how to supervise children with special needs. Members agreed that if a parent or caregiver can not also attend and assist, that child can not enroll. Charlie read the applicable language reviewed by the Township Attorney that will be included in the registration form.

There will be one paycheck per employee for the Program.

Children attending the Program must be Township residents or being cared for by a Township resident, i.e. grandparent. Children must be five years old as of the date he/she first attends. Members agreed that the child of a teacher who will be reading to children at the Program and who does not live in the Township may attend this year

Members reviewed the 2019 Program budget: The Directors will receive the same salary as last year: Director: \$2,250; Art Director \$1,050; Returning PE Director: \$1,200; New PE Director: \$1,050; Returning Senior Counselors: \$840 (\$16.00/hr); New Senior Counselors:

\$15/hr); Returning Junior Counselors: \$577.50 (\$11/hr); New Junior Counselors: \$10/hr. Julie moved to approve these salaries, Judy seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved these salaries.

Estimated attendance is 140. Members discussed Program fees and agreed that due to the increased cost for finger printing and background checks, fees will have to be increased by \$5 in each category. \$40 for one child, \$70 for two children, and \$95 for three or more children. Julie moved to approve these fees, Tim Drew seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved these fees.

Julie moved to require background checks for all 2019 Summer Recreation Program employees who will be 18 years or older by the start of employment. These checks will be repeated every three years for those checked in 2019. All new employees and returning employees after a break in service will be checked. Tim Drew seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved this policy.

Members next reviewed proposed expenses. Increases were approved for Supplies and Activities. Total expenses are estimated at \$14,547. Brian moved to approve this budget, Julie seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the estimated budget.

COMMITTEES:

Egg Hunt – Julie said the Egg Hunt held on April 20th was successful despite wet weather. The cost was \$517.

Yard Sale – Judy Allen said this year's Yard Sale will be Saturday May 18 with a rain date of May 19. The cost for newspaper advertising for two weeks will be \$90. The cost for stickers to add to the existing outdoor signs with the dates of the third Saturday in May with the rain day on the following day was \$76.00.

Great Crate Race – July 4, 2019 – Brian reported for Steve. There will be no Program Book this year. There will be a crate swap and trials with a date to be advertised on social media.

Mini-Golf – Dates TBD Julie will ask Tracy Wright for a contact name at Pine Creek Miniature Golf.

Fireworks at Dilts Park – Members discussed a fireworks/picnic at the Dilts Park and agreed on September 7th for this event. Members will decide on a dollar amount to authorize for fireworks at a future meeting.

Community Block Party – October 5, 2019 in Sergeantsville. Members agreed to hire the same band that played at the June 30th celebration last year. Face painting, pony rides and games may be offered.

Holiday Decorating Contest – December 16, 2019 – Final Judging (December 15 if weather conditions on December 16 warrant.)

OLD BUSINESS

Dilts Farm Park – Charlie said no trail repairs have begun. There are many trees that must be removed at the Park, and that cost is expensive.

Adult Men’s Basketball – Members agreed to request approval from DTS to extend the men’s adult basketball program through the end of the school year. Some participants have brought children with them to play. Members agreed the basketball program is currently intended for adults and is so specified in the insurance coverage. Other options could be discussed for the fall. Judy will submit that request to DTS.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.