

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – November 4, 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, Tim Drew, Aiden Ricci, Toby Ruttenberg, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Brian Sulewski, Linda Ubry

Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Projects

Eagle Scout Candidate Ethan Eillespie updated members on his proposed bocce court at the Dilts Farm Park. The location near the Field of Dreams is confirmed. The Benincasa Family has offered to fund the project completely. Hopefully the Department of Public Works can assist with the excavation.

Girl Scout Troop 80357 completed its project to extend the playground area at the Dilts Park and add two picnic tables. The DPW mulched the entire picnic and playground areas.

Eagle Scout Vincent Colalillo completed the fire pit and benches near the pond at the Dilts Park.

REPORTS

Teens – Toby Rutenberg discussed a proposed 3 on 3 Middle School basketball tournament at Delaware Township School. He will coordinate the date and time with DTAA and School custodians and let Judy know so she can submit a Use of Facilities form with DTS and arrange for insurance. Brian Sulewski said he will prepare a waiver form for participants to complete. Members discussed referees, prizes and food.

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of October 7, 2019

Tim Soltis moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 7, 2019, Steve Smotrich seconded the motion, and members approved the minutes with one abstention by Tim Drew.

REPORTS CONTINUED

DTS BOE – Linda Ubry said the Board of Education will hold a special Board of Education meeting on November 12th at 7 p.m. to present and discuss the School's referendum on December 10th to seek funding approval for several repair/replacement/upgrade projects at the School.

DTAA

Tim Drew said fall sports are coming to an end. More mix is needed on the LBL field to address wet spots. Winter fertilizer will be applied to all fields in the next few weeks. Basketball season will start soon.

OPEN SPACE

Steve reported that the Open Space Committee liked the Recreation Commission's October discussion about the Dilts Park, Sergeantsville Green, and Rosemont Township-owned property. It is preparing a map of all preserved lands and trails in the Township.

Halloween Fun Night

Brian Sulewski said the Commission sponsored a Halloween activity on short notice at Delaware Township School due to severe weather forecasted for Halloween night. He appreciated the School's ready cooperation. When the weather turned out satisfactorily, he expected a dismal turnout, but over one hundred children attended. There were six or seven hosting tables with children and parents mingling. Steve suggested holding this event every year. Kathy Klink suggested to Brian that next year each class host a table.

Judy Allen moved to reimburse Brian \$174 for candy money for this event, Tim Drew seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the motion.

Adult and Teen Recreation – These activities are ongoing.

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

Ice Rink – Steve said the temporary ice rink at Delaware Township School will be installed when the weather cooperates. He submitted a Use of Facility form to DTS.

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

2020 BUDGET

Members will discuss the 2020 budget at the next meeting. New activities will be factored into the 2020 budget request.

OLD BUSINESS

Dilts Farm Park – Judy noted there are deep cracks in the basketball and tennis courts. Repairs should be addressed in 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Bad weather date Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.)