

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – April 5, 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 January 12, 2021.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Judy Allen, Joe Benincasa, Rebecca Burns, Charles Herman,
Tyler Kadezabek, Julie Luster-Roell, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Brian Sulewski
Absent: Tim Drew, Heather Opdyke, Linda Ubry
Also Present: Jes Stahl

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 1, 2021 – Joe moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 1, 2021, Rebecca seconded motion, and members present approved the minutes with an abstention by Julie.

Plant Sale

Jes Stahl said the Plant Swap on May 23rd will be held at the Dilts Farm Park pavilion on May 23rd from 9 to 11 a.m., rain or shine.

REPORTS

Teen Report

Tyler said he selected the White Oak Trail for the teen hike, probably on May 15th. Hikers will meet at Bulls Island and proceed from there. Brian said the Commission proposes a hiking trail around the perimeter of the former Reimer Farm adjacent to the Dilts Park. That might be a future hike location. Tyler will prepare a flyer to advertise on the Township's website and via social media. Snacks will be provided. Brian asked Tyler to get an rsvp from prospective participants. Permission slips will be required.

Dilts Park Discussion on March 22, 2021

Joe outlined some of the points discussed at the March 22nd informal discussion about the Dilts Park. Short and long term plans were reviewed. The Reimer farm will be the immediate focus. A walking trail will be created around the property's perimeter. Judy said the Township Committee should notify the person who farms that property. Brian said the Department of Public Works can brushhog the path. The Township should send the abutting property owners a letter notifying them of this trail.

Members discussed conditions at the tennis and basketball courts. Charlie said the Township can fund repairs to one court this year. He asked DPW Director Jay Trstensky to get quotes on repairs to the cracks. Members agreed the basketball court should be fixed first. The Park is not ready yet for a pickleball court. Charlie said the Township received over \$400,000 in Covid

relief funds. He will find out whether the money can be used to fund planning and/or repairs at the Park. Members discussed sending out a letter to residents or doing an on-line survey requesting feedback on Park conditions/projects.

Members agreed that the Reimer tract hiking trail should be mowed and advertised soon. Perhaps trail markers could be done by a prospective Eagle Scout. The next project is repair of the basketball and tennis courts. A planner is needed for future Park projects. Brian suggested the Commission ask the Township for \$10,000 to \$20,000 for a Park planner. Joe will prepare a Request for Proposal for a planner.

DTS BOE

Rebecca said the DTS BOE will vote on April 20th whether or not to return to full time in-person learning. Lunchtime is an issue raised by the teachers.

DTAA

Tim Drew will be stepping down as DTAA President. Baseball/Softball Opening Day will be April 24th. The scoreboard will be dedicated in memory of Jerry Hudzik. Soccer practice starts this weekend.

Open Space

Steve said the Township is still looking for an Open Space Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS

Dilts Park Facility Use Application

Members reviewed proposed changes to the Dilts Park Facility Use Application prepared by Deputy Clerk Tiffany Crivelli. They appreciated her work and agreed to her changes. They did not agree to a proposed new \$10 application fee for all requestors.

COMMITTEES:

Egg Hunt – Members reviewed the Bunny Trail held this year in place of the traditional Egg Hunt. They agreed that the event was the result of amazing effort by Tim and Rebecca. There was a lot of turnout at locations promoted on social media. It could not have occurred without the support by members of the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company. The Commission will send the Fire Company a thank you letter.

Yard Sale – Judy said the May Yard Sale will be May 15th with a May 16th rain date. She will advertise in the Democrat and post signs throughout the Township.

Facebook Site – Brian and Julie will figure out the problems with the Commission's Facebook page.

Campout and Bonfire – Will be discussed.

Fishing Derby – Tim will speak with the Copeland Family about a possible fall Derby.

Great Crate Race – July 4th – Steve said the Commission can decide at the May meeting whether to hold this event in some modified fashion.

Summer Recreation – DTS Sports were recently approved. Director Maegan Harrington said DTS teachers staff most of the Program. A three-week program beginning July 12th may be possible. Brian will speak with her. Rebecca will ask about use of the School for the Program.
Fall Fun Fireworks – September 11th – Will be discussed.

Community Day/Block Party – Will be discussed.

Halloween Activity – Rebecca suggested a pumpkin carving event in coordination with the Fire Company's parade. The pumpkins could be placed along the walking path through the Sergeantsville Green.

Holiday Decorating Contest/Holiday Lighting – Will be discussed.

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

Scavenger Hunt – Will be discussed.

Baseball Trip – Will be discussed.

Food Trucks – Will be considered at a future time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Budget – No update.

NEW BUSINESS -

Memorial Bench – Members previously approved a Memorial Bench proposed by Susan Ireland. They will hold off on an overall policy using guidance by the County policy until the Township hires a Park planner.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom