

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – October 3, 2022
Chairperson Brian Sulewski called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 March 24, 2022.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Judy Allen, Erin Buchanan, Tyler Kadezabek, Heather Opdyke, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Jes Stahl, Brian Sulewski, Linda Ubry
Absent: Joe Benincasa, Rebecca Burns, Charles Herman

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of September 7, 2022 – Jes moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 7, 2022, Erin seconded the motion, and members present approved the minutes with abstentions by Linda, Tyler and Tim.

REPORTS

Teens – Tyler and members discussed possible upcoming teen activities including a Halloween scare, ice skating rink, golf simulator, and climbing wall. Tyler will check into group pricing. If there is a Family Ski Trip early in 2023, teens could attend it as well.

DTS Board of Education

Jes said there will be a special Board meeting October 4th at 7 to review the upcoming referendum to replace a portion of the DTS roof. The Board approved use of the parking lot as the Holiday Parade staging area.

DTAA

Erin said attendance at the DTAA Fall Fundraiser/Cornhole Tournament was okay. There was some confusion over signups. Soccer field identification signs have been purchased and will be posted on weekends. Basketball registration will start later this year.

Green Team

Jes said the Green Team will run the March on Litter on October 8th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning at the Dilts Park.

RECREATION GRANT UPDATE

There was no update on the State Recreation Grant in the amount of \$40,000.

PARK PLANNER – No Update

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – There were no applications.

COMMITTEES:

Sports Swap – September 10th – 9 to 11 a.m. - Jes said things went well. Members discussed adding a Pedals for Progress event at the spring sports swap.

Fun Fall Fireworks – September 10th 4 to 9 p.m. - Brian said this event was another huge success.

Yard Sale – September 17 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Judy said this event went well. The number of registrations was lower than in May, but that is typical for the fall sale. Newspaper/online advertising cost \$49.50.

Adult and Teen Indoor Recreation at DTS 7 to 9:45 p.m. – Adult recreation begins tonight, October 3 at DTS. Teen recreation will not be held unless parent chaperones volunteer on those Friday nights.

Block Party – October 1 at Sergeantsville Green – The event was cancelled due to weather and will not be rescheduled.

Plant Swap – October 15 at Dilts Park 9 to 11 a.m. – Jes said this event is on track.

Meteor Shower Watch Party – November 18th 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dilts Park – Jes said she will prepare a flyer soon. She asked Shop Rite to donate food for s'mores. Deputy Township Clerk Tiffany Crivelli submitted the fire permit application for the fire pit at the Park. People will watch the meteor display from the ball fields. There may be luminaries to light the path around the pond.

Holiday Parade – December 3 (Rain/Snow Date December 4) - Tim said he will connect with Parade participants. He will order Santa hats for the event volunteers. The Delaware Township School chorus will perform. The Farmers Table will be open to sell refreshments. Members will discuss who will light the tree this year. Port-a-Potty rental and road closure will be arranged. School parking lot use was approved.

Holiday Decorating Contest – December 11 and 12 - Members agreed they will individually drive to homes registered for the Holiday Decorating Contest and meet at the Township Building on December 12 to tally the results. Gift certificates will be purchased as prizes.

OLD BUSINESS –

Dilts Park – The Township Committee will meet on October 11th to consider a bond ordinance transferring funds from Open Space to Capital Improvements at the Dilts Park. The Township Committee proposes an appropriation from the Open Space Fund up to \$80,000 for capital improvements at the Dilts Park, as approved by voters in November 2021. It may do the same in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS-

2023 Calendar of Events – Jes suggested members nail down dates at the next meeting for Recreation Commission events in 2023 so they can be posted and sent via postcard to residents.

Bingo/Chili Cookoff - Members decided on February 4, 2023 for the Chili Bowl (named by Tim!). This is an “adults only” event. Those who bring chili will post the ingredients. Members discussed how to address serving/buying alcoholic beverages and Bingo license (Social Affairs

permit or Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company serving, Games of Chance license). Jes will ask Tiffany Crivelli for permit information.

Ski Trip – Rebecca has not yet heard from ski facilities about group rates.

Broadway Show – Joe said he will help arrange for tickets to a Broadway show. Members agreed it should be a kid-appropriate show.

Delaware Township 185th Anniversary – Judy said she believes the Township celebrates its 185th Anniversary in 2023. She reached out to Liza Davis with the Historic Advisory Committee about co-sponsoring some activity. Members agreed to work on some type of recognition.

Sledding - Members discussed the possibility of setting up a sledding hill on the Rt. 519 property owned by the Township. Parking would be needed.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments or questions from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.