

## Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – November 7, 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, Rebecca Burns, Charles Herman,  
Tyler Kadezabek, Heather Opdyke, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Jes Stahl,  
Brian Sulewski, Linda Ubry  
Absent: Joe Benincasa

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of October 3, 2022 – Jes moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 3, 2022, Linda seconded the motion, and members present approved the minutes with abstentions by Rebecca and Charlie.

### 2022 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Steve said he spoke with CFO Diane McDaniel about the Commission's 2022 budget and year-to-date expenses. The surplus carried over from 2021 was \$23,600. He said the 2022 expense figures differ slightly between Ms. McDaniel's numbers and his. He will reconcile final numbers. For the remainder of 2022 Jes anticipated a few hundred dollars in expenses for the upcoming Meteor Watch Party. There will be some expenses for the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting and also for the Holiday Decorating Contest.

### REPORTS

Teens – Tyler and members discussed possible upcoming teen activities including ice skating and the Gravity Vault. Tyler will check into group pricing.

### DTS Board of Education

Heather said Election Day tomorrow includes a vote on the referendum to replace a portion of the DTS roof. The Board will institute a quarterly citizen recognition award to thank those who go above and beyond their normal roles. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held this week.

### DTAA

Erin said basketball registration has begun. Tim said the Dilts Park bathrooms have not been open for the past two Sundays. Charlie recommended communicating with the police to unlock the bathrooms. Tim asked whether an additional key could be provided. Jessica suggested putting a bathroom key in the Snack Shack. Brian said there will be an eight week baseball clinic after basketball at DTS.

### Open Space

Steve said Deputy Clerk Taylor Gribbon is the new Open Space Coordinator. There have been no new applications.

### Green Team

Jes said DTS received Bronze Certification. Earth Day will be April 20, 2023. Students and the community will participate.

### RECREATION GRANT UPDATE

Charlie said the Township signed the State grant paperwork, but the Township has not yet received the funds. The Township was awarded less than \$40,000 per final paperwork. The funds will be pooled with Open Space referendum and county money for Park improvements.

### PARK PLANNER

Charlie said there is no update on a Park Planner. The Deputy Clerk and Township Clerk both resigned. The Committee will ask new Deputy Clerk Taylor Gribbon to work on a planner. The Committee continues to work to hire a Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – Tim will submit a Use of Facilities request to Ms. Gribbon for a party on November 25<sup>th</sup>. He said the Dilts Park ordinances seem outdated, and he asked whether members want to review them for possible revisions. Charlie said the Commission can make suggestions to the Township Committee.

### COMMITTEES:

Adult Indoor Recreation at DTS – 7 to 9:45 p.m. – Indoor basketball and volleyball at DTS for adults continue.

Plant Swap – October 25 - 9 to 11 a.m. - Jes said things went well.

Meteor Shower Watch Party – November 18<sup>th</sup> 5 to 10 p.m. at the Dilts Park (no Rain Date) – Jes said she will get a pop up tent and solar lights. She will order pizzas from Maria Rosa. Shop Rite donated the rest of the food. Charlie said the fire pit permit is current. The police need to be notified the day of the event.

Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting – December 3 (Rain/Snow Date December 4) – Tyler Willey was present as the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company advisor. Tim said the Sergeantsville Green will open at 4 p.m. Rt. 604 will be closed from DTS to the intersection with Rt. 523. The Township parking lot will be closed. Foley Equipment will provide two or three light towers. DJ Scott Belsky will provide music and announcements. Rob Fusi is the Technical Director. NJ Event Services will provide a port-a-john. The DTS chorus will perform. Santa will arrive riding a SVFC fire truck. Tyler said a SVFC truck will start and end the parade. SVF C will help with side street closures. It will not be cooking for the event. Jessica will check whether DTAA might be interested in grilling and selling food. There will be free hot chocolate and cookies. There will be a new toy collection for children in need.

Holiday Decorating Contest – December 10 and 11 - Members agreed they will individually drive to homes registered for the Holiday Decorating Contest on December 10 and/or December 11 and meet at the Township Building on December 12 to tally the results. Gift certificates will be purchased as follows: Grand Prize – Shop Rite \$250; First Place – Sergeantsville Inn \$150; Second Place – Maria Rosa \$100; Third Place – Skip's Outdoors \$50; and Honorable Mention - Farmers Table \$25.00.

Chili Bowl – February 4, 2023 – Heather said she checked with the State, and the Recreation Commission can not get a games of chance license for bingo. Jes suggested asking DTS-PIE whether it would be interested in running bingo at the Bowl. This event will hopefully be held at the SVFC. It will be for adults only.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

Dilts Park – Charlie said the Park bathrooms will be remodeled. Brian said the parking lots are often full on event days at the Park. Several members agreed.

#### NEW BUSINESS-

Ice Skating Rink – Steve said the portable ice skating rink will hopefully be set up on the LBL field at the Park.

Broadway Show – This event will be discussed at the January meeting.

Ski Trip – Rebecca reached out to several ski facilities, and they will not provide weekend discounted ski packages. Only weekday or five week Ski Club packages are available. She will look into a possible ice rink event.

December Newsletter – Members reviewed a draft December newsletter article.

2023 Calendar of Events – Members discussed possible dates for upcoming 2023 activities so they can be posted and included in an informational postcard to residents. Suggested dates: Kite Festival – March 18; Egg Hunt April 1; Sports Equipment Swap April 8; Yard Sale May 20 (Rain Date May 21); Plant Swap May 20; Fishing Derby June TBD; Summer Recreation Program TBD; Great Crate Race July 4; Fall Fun Fireworks September 9 (Rain Date September 16); Yard Sale September 9 (Rain Date September 10); Block Party October 7; Holiday Parade December 2 (Rain/Snow Date December 3); Holiday Decorating Contest Judging December 16 and 17.

Radios – Steve said he is researching radio sets for communication use at Recreation events.

#### MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments or questions from the public.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.