

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – April 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Judy Allen, Erin Buchanan, Johnny Cane, Steve Smotrich, Jes Stahl,
Linda Ubry, Sarah Waverka

Notice Requirement

Notice of this meeting was properly provided.

Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2024 Meeting

Steve moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 4, 2024, Sarah seconded the motion, and members approved the minutes as written.

Amazon Business Account for the Township

Jes said the Township has opened an Amazon business account. The purchasing process will be determined.

Teen Events

Paintball:

Johnny updated members on the proposed 7th and 8th grade Paintball event at the Dilts Farm Park on May 4th from 1 to 3 p.m., rain or shine, on the Makara field. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide permission slips. Johnny will work out payment using a purchase order from the Township followed by a check issued at the following Township Committee meeting.

Hike:

Johnny discussed a proposed teen hike for 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the fall, location to be determined. Bagels and juice will be provided.

Campout:

Johnny will work on a teen overnight campout at the Dilts Farm Park this fall.

Members thanked Johnny for his work.

Egg Hunt (11 a.m.) – March 24 (the Rain Date) at the Dilts Farm Park

The preparation for the Egg Hunt lasted much longer than the actual Egg Hunt! There was a great crowd in attendance, and the event was well organized. The Bunny hopped along in a new costume. The bake sale benefiting the Delaware Township School Eighth Grade promotion dance netted \$300. New signs are needed. The Commission will thank the Girl Scouts who stuffed thousands of eggs.

Kite Fest –

The Kite Fest was cancelled due to wet fields from the previous day's heavy rains. This event will be rescheduled.

Rubber Duck Race – April 20 at 10 a.m.

Pre-registration will be required for this event. There will be a test run in advance of the event. Jes purchased small prizes for the winners. Needed preparation includes a port-a-john, road barriers, trash cans, and traffic control.

Plant Swap – May 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Dilts Farm Park

Sarah will get a Box of Joe and Munchkins. Seed envelopes will be provided in addition to plants.

Town-Wide Yard Sale – May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain Date May 12

Judy will advertise this event in the Hunterdon County Democrat, put up signs, and provide a list of participants to post on the Township website.

Fishing Derby – May 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Copelands' Pond

Tim will update members at the next meeting.

Somerset Patriots Game – June 7 at 7 p.m. at Somerset Patriots Ball Field

Members will discuss this event at the next meeting.

Clean Out Storage Area

Available members will meet to clean and straighten the Recreation Commission storage area.

New Resident Welcome Packages

Jes reached out to Township boards/committees/commissions and other Township organizations requesting interest about information to include in a new resident welcome package. A welcome card could be sent to new residents and include directions to a Township website link that will include this information. Township Assessor Michelle Trivigno will periodically provide names of new property owners.

Dilts Farm Park Applications

Boy Scouts will use the Park Pavilion and Fire Pit on April 27. DTAA submitted its request for Park facilities this season.

Correspondence – None

Liaison Reports

Township Committee – No report. The location for the gaga court to be built by Eagle Scout Candidate Zach Gillespie at the Dilts Farm Park may be adjusted due to the Township's Park Planners recommended Park design.

DTS Board of Education – Jes said Earth Day will be celebrated on April 24 at DTS.

DTAA – Erin said DTAA Opening Day is April 13. It is planning a comedy night on May 3 at the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company.

Open Space – No report.

Meeting Opened to the Public

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Judith A. Allen, Secretary

Next Meeting: May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.