

**Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023, @ 7:00 pm**

Type of Meeting: Monthly Recreation Meeting @ the Recreation Office.

Meeting Facilitator: Jim Brennan

Commission Members: Jim Brennan (Facilitator), Chris Cashin, Kathy Wilson, Tim Howard, Melissa Paltjon, Grace Cordero, Elena Buccino, Alternates Kelly Seader, BJ Johnson, and Laura Ruskuski, Councilmember- Jessica Dunne (Council Liaison to the Recreation Department)

Recreation Director: Alex Miller

A. Call to Order: Melissa accept, Grace second

B. Roll Call: Absent: Tim Howard, school event for Ridge HS, Kathy Wilson is away on vacation, and BJ Johnson (Kean U) is away with her college lacrosse team.

C. Public Session:

D. Follow up from the last meeting: No Follow-up

E. Open Issues:

F. New Issues:

1. Track- I met with the new DHS Track Coach last week and he is excited about running the Recreation **2. Track Program.** The program will be on Thursday nights starting April 20th through May 25th, 6:00-7:30. The fee will be \$50.00, the same as last year's cost. Grades 3-8th.

–HS coach will run the program with High School Volunteers

3. Open soccer nights: K through 8th grades. April 17 through May 29th. No Fee. One hour of soccer. 6:00-7:00 pm.

PK-K: Wednesdays, 3-5th Grade Tuesdays, 6th-8th Wednesdays. **Coaches for Prek&K: Norma Martin, Matthew Greggo**

--Different coaches per age group. Open soccer night, free.

–Another option for those who have nothing else to do. Looking for 2nd grade coach

4. Easter Egg Hunt: April 2nd at 1 pm in Columbia Park, who can attend? **Jim, Melissa, Elena, Kelly** who else?

Start: air horn in the center of the field

Set up: 11:00 AM. HS Volunteers–Ms. Piano.

Stuffing Eggs: 3/28 and 3/29 6:30 PM at the senior center

The Easter Bunny arrives early at 12:30 on Fire Truck: mingle with the kids. This will alleviate a long line for pictures at the end.

How many eggs per field: Football field: Prek (600 eggs) K &1 (800 eggs) Both age groups start on the 50 yard line, and work their way out.

JV Field: 2nd& 3rd: 550 eggs

50 eggs for easter bunny

Stagger Start Times: Prek will start first, then k & 1, and finally grades 2&3

5. Hometown Heroes Banner Program: Order goes out on 3/10/2023, we have 10 more new banners ordered. **CHECK**

6. Scholarships-

6a. Melissa : **interested in doing a scholarship in Laura's honor, 1- \$500**

Possible Fundraiser: dine to donate at Zupkos— Jen D?

Will present Scholarship at Graduation/awards night

Laura's criteria: Softball/ tennis player, rec volunteer

-Possible naming of something/mccoy park/faber field after Laura

6b. Jim Brennan: **Awards night Thursday May 25th, at the HS— scholarships will be given out. Melissa, Elena, Kelly, Jim, who else will read the scholarships ??**

6c. Alex- I spoke to Butch Santy last week and he will be doing three \$500.00 scholarships in honor of Clem. In the past, Butch would do two scholarships.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meeting: April 10th at 7 pm in the Recreation Office

Adjourned: Melissa, 2nd—Elena