

**Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 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:

B. Roll Call:

C. Public Session:

D. Follow up from the last meeting: Easter Egg Hunt: Volunteers from DHS: Josiannie Portero, Kinu Jasmin, Natalie Jimenez, Gaberiela Gonzalez, Dann Reyes, Angelina Lockhart, and Alexa Devesa. We ordered 1,000 eggs for \$98.00 and candy for \$298.32 **total: \$396.32.**

Many compliments on the stagger start times. Next year, maybe we will send out a field layout for each group? And Pre-K only allows 1 family member with a child, and, maybe have the group surround that portion of the field (on the sidelines). **Possible solutions to pre-k: have them stand along the perimeter. Breakdown of attendance: 62- Pre K, 40- K, 37- 1st grade, 42- 2nd&3rd. No Hard candy**

E. Open Issues:

1. Tennis: 45 children registered for grades 3-8th (opens April 15th)
2. Track: 22 Children Registered (Opens April 20th)
3. Baseball & Softball:
 - A. Baseball: 3 T Ball teams- 24 children **Coaches all set and Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y cert**
 - B. Coach Pitch: 4 teams- 37 children **ends 2nd week of June**
 - C. Softball 2nd & 3rd Grade: 7 children
 - D. Softball 4th & 5th Grade: 12 children
 - E. Softball 6th-8th Grade: 7 Children

Infield Mix: \$800. no other costs

Softball starts the week of April 24th. **Snack Shack will be ready for opening day**

4. Soccer:

- A. PK-K: 18 Children
- B. 1st-2nd: 20 Children
- C. 3rd-5th: 41 Children
- D. 6th-8th: 16 Children

Soccer begins April 17 and ends May 29th

Open Soccer: go out and play for an hour

F. New Issues:

1 Opening Day Baseball & Softball April 22nd:

Parade will start at 10 am at Washington Memorial Park, followed by the Opening Day Ceremony and games. **Moment of silence for Laura**

2. Scholarships: Jim Brennan

Top 4 picks, ranked in order, by Saturday April 15th

Laura Scholarship: \$500 this year. Anybody is eligible , deadline before our next meeting

Upcoming Events:

Brook Clean-up May 7th

Next meeting: May 8th at 7 pm