

**Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 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: Absent- Elena Buccino, Melissa Paltjon, Grace Cordero, BJ Johnson

C. Public Session: NO PUBLIC

D. Follow up from the last meeting:

1. Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony: Awesome event again, the last 3 years we have had a wonderful parade and ceremony. **Job well done, Alex! Each year it continues to grow. Many different in town and out of town organizations participate. Recreation had 2 different floats- rec softball and flag rugby. Middle school softball had a float as well.**
2. Hometown Heroes- Jim Brennan **10 new banners went up this season. Julie did an excellent job putting together**
3. Scholarships: Jim Brennan
Felix Gavornik Scholarship: Sofia Velez **\$500**
Betty Hummel Scholarship: Emily Christian **\$500**
Laura Ruskuski Memorial Scholarship : Isabella Marmalejos **\$400**
Laura Ruskuski Memorial Scholarship: Brooke Newland **\$400**

E. Open Issues:

1. **Field Use Fees-** Out of the Park Baseball has paid \$2,000.00 so far April & May.

F. New Issues:

1. USABL- Summer Baseball Tournaments @ Columbia Park requested- June 24-25th, July 1-2nd, July 22-23rd, and July 29-30th.
2. Recreation Night at Patriots Stadium- June 22nd at 7pm we have 82 people attending the game.

G. Upcoming Events:

1. **National Night Out-** August 2nd @ Columbia Park at 6pm, set-up 4:45pm
2. **Annual Senior Picnic-** American Legion Picnic Ground on September 15th at 12:00 pm

H. Next Meeting- September 11th at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned- Kathy, 2nd-Kelly 8:10pm