

**Dunellen Recreation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 11, 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:** Tim Howard, Grace Cordero- arrived at 7:18

**C. Public Session:** -Ruben, from Immigrants Beyond Immigration - 10 workshops, 6 happened the other day-30 ppl. Oct-Nov twice a week. Tues/Thurs. Have to register/sign up.

This is part of New Issue #1.

**D. Follow up From the last meeting:**

**E. Open Issues:**

- 1. Jim Brennan-** Congratulations to Jim Brennan on winning the Governor's Volunteerism "Lifetime service honoree". Jim is one of two people to get this award in the state of NJ this year. Mayor Cilento presented the Governor's award and also presented Jim with a Plaque from the Borough.
- 2. Field Use Fees-Baseball Field Use at Columbia Park and McCoy Park-** Continue field use to Out of the Park in 2023 and 2024 and the USABL and maybe we will allow more tournaments in 2024

**New Issues:**

- 1. Joana's presentation to use the Senior Center-** Immigrants Beyond Immigration: On August 30th, we had a total of 27 participants throughout the day. In the workshops, we discussed taxes and citizenship, personal finances, Latino identity (race vs. ethnicity),

civic engagement and local participation, purchasing a home with SS or ITIN, and intercultural communication. Participants were very engaged in the workshops, which made it all worthwhile. **The Recreation Commission will endorse the use of the Senior Center to the Mayor and Council. With stipulations that any advice from this program does not put the Borough of Dunellen in jeopardy .**

2. **Senior Picnic Friday, Sept 15th at 11:30 am-** Menu: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon, and Crumb Cake.

Kathy will make her awesome Potato Salad and Crumb Cake, and Alex will make the Baked Beans. -

3. **Halloween Parade- Date - Location- Grand Marshal**
  - a. **Sunday 29th, registration at noon, parade begins at 1.**
  - b. **Registration at the middle school parking lot, march straight down dunellen ave, circle the park.**
  - c. **Top 10 costumes– no categories, plus youngest and oldest, grand prize**
  - d. **Have to be registered**

4. **Tennis-** Started Saturday, September 2nd- We have 34 children Registered. 3rd & 4th Grade 10 children, 5th-8th Grade 17 children, and Club Tennis 6th-8th Grade 8 children.

Grades 3rd-8th Saturdays- September 2nd through October 7th (9 am-11 am) **Club Tennis-** Tuesdays 5-6 pm September 5th-October 10th.

5. **Soccer-** Starts Saturday, September 16th. As of today, we have 158 children registered;
  - a.

**@ 8 am PK: (10), 8:30 am K-1st: (37), 9:30 am 2nd & 3rd: (45), 11:30 am in Middlesex 4th-5th:(42), 9:30 am in Middlesex and Wed nights 7:30 pm in Dunellen 6th-8th: (24).**

**-k1st 4 teams**

**-2nd &3rd- 4 teams**

**-4th&5th- 4 teams**

**-6-8th- 2 teams**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 10th at 7 pm

**Adjourned- 8:25 pm: Kathy Wilson and Melissa Paltjon**