

Dunellen Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

December 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, Alternate BJ Johnson, Alternate- open, and Laura Ruskuski,

Councilmember- Jessica Dunne (Council Liaison to the Recreation Department)

Recreation Director: Alex Miller

A. Call to Order:

B. Roll Call: Absent- Melissa Paltjon, Grace Cordero, Elena Buccino

C. Public Session:

D. Follow up from the last meeting: Kelly Seader resigned from the Recreation Commission on November 14, 2023.

E. Open Issues:

1. **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony-** Rescheduled again to December 15, 2023: 6pm.

2. **House Decoration Contest:** Dec 14th-17th- 7 homes listed as of today.

3. **Santa Around Town-** Christmas Eve- Same as in the past. Start on the North Side of Town this year.

4. **Annual Senior Holiday Party-** Due to the church schedule, I recommend moving the Party to Saturday. I have reserved St.John's for Saturday, January 6th, at noon.
 - a. Set up will be at 11.

5. Recreation Program Coordinator- Interviews and recommendation for the coordinator job:

Interview process- was held by Jim, Cathy, Chris, Tim, BJ, Julie, and Alex. We were in the interview process. The interview committee reviewed the applicants (six applicants) and picked two candidates to interview, the two candidates were the only candidates with youth sports background.

After the interviews, the interview committee unanimously selected Kelly Seader as the top candidate for the Recreation Program Coordinator position. The Recreation Commission will recommend hiring Kelly as Recreation Program Coordinator to the Mayor and Council at the December 18th Council meeting.

New Issues:

1. 66 children are registered for rec basketball today, and we expect another 20 children; the season starts on Jan 6th.
 - A. K-1st grade: 16
 - B. 2-4th grade: 37
 - C. 5-6th grade: 13

Upcoming Events:

Next Meeting: January 6th, following the Senior Party

Adjourned- Kathy and Chris at 8:00 pm