

Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 10, @ 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: BJ Johnson, Jessica Dunne and Laura Ruskuski,

Councilmember- Trina Rios (Council Liaison to the Recreation Department)

Recreation Director: Alex Miller

Recreation Program Coordinator: Kelly Seader

A. Call to Order:

B. Roll Call:

C. Public Session:

D. Follow up from the last meeting:

E. Open Issues:

1. **Memorial Day Parade** was May 27th. It was a great turnout of marchers and watchers. The high school Madrigals sang the Anthem and God Bless America. The brass band also returned and played music throughout the ceremony and while the parade arrived at Washington Park. BJ and Grace were very helpful during the staging process at the library parking lot. They helped direct the recreation groups and helped them enter the parade line up.
2. **Rec night at the ballpark** will be Thursday June 20th. **73 tickets are reserved. Our players will walk around the field prior to the game.**
3. **Spring sports have wrapped up:**
 - a. **Track** we had (1) 3rd grader, (9) 4th graders, (6) 5th graders, (6) 6th graders, (4) 7th graders and (2) 8th graders. 28 total registrations.
 - b. **Tennis** grades 3-5 we had 28 players, grades 6-8 we had 19 players. 47 total registrations. **Kate Ruskuski ran the program along with high school players.**
 - c. **Baseball/Softball** will wrap up this week

F. New Issues:

1. **Summer Camp:** will begin June 17th and end August 16th from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. Kate Ruskuski will be the Summer Camp Director. Most counselors will return. We have 38 registrations, which is our highest enrollment. **Fridays will be going back to the Theater while the senior citizens have their meeting. There is no deadline for registration.**
2. **National Night Out:** will be held August 6th at 6:00 PM. **Same setup as last year. Rec will be responsible for hotdogs again.**
3. **Laura Ruskuski Donations:** The Tricky Tray Fundraiser which was held in April brought in \$7,325. We have also received several donations in honor of Jerry Sella which are towards Laura's fund. As of today with those donations we have \$8,575 in Laura's Scholarship Fund. **The Ruskuski daughter's plan on giving out 2 scholarships next year (and each year after). The recreation**

would like to acknowledge the passing of the rec department's good friend Jerry Sella. He was at our opening day this year on 4/20/24.

4. **Senior Fall Picnic:** September 20, 11:30 am- 1:00 pm at the American Legion.
5. **Scholarship winners:** Gavornik- Alexander Christian, Hummel- Emily Chalecki, Clem Santy-Tyler Mayer, Sulayman Khan. Ruskuski- Tyler Mayer, Justine Halko. Rec has been giving out a scholarship for over 50 years.
6. **2 movies this summer for movies in the park: 7/12 and 8/16**

G. Next Meeting: September 9, 2024

Upcoming Events:

Adjournment: 7:58-Tim, Second: BJ