

Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Agenda
September 9, @ 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: 7:15

B. Roll Call: Absent: Tim Howard, Melissa Paltjon, Jessica Dunne, Kathy Wilson, BJ Johnson

C. Public Session:

D. Follow up from the last meeting: Elena 1st, Grace 2nd

E. Open Issues:

1. **Summer Camp:** Summer camp this year ran 9 weeks, the longest yet. We had a record of 60 registrations. Kate Ruskuski was the camp director and ran the camp with returning camp counselors. **Summer camp was a hit this year, with no issues. New trips were added. After hours were offered this year and a few campers signed up. Next year we will also offer extended hours.**
2. **Senior Fall Picnic:** September 20, 11:30 am- 1:00 pm at the American Legion **The menu will stay the same as in year's past- burgers and dogs.**
3. **Field use:** June-July we brought in \$6,600 between USABL tournaments and Out of the Park Field use. USABL had tournaments 6/29-6/30, 7/20-7/21, 7/27-28. Nasir Tippet was the tournament field staff and was paid \$1,152 for 65 hours. **USABL wanted one more tournament but the park was unavailable due to rugby.**

F. New Issues:

1. **Fall Tennis:** Began last week. We have 28 total registrations. Practices are on Saturday mornings. There is an additional practice on Wednesday nights for middle school aged players. **Kate Ruskuski, Allison Egan, Tyler Mayer, Sulayman Khan will be coaching this upcoming season. There are 10 kids in grades 3-5 and 18 kids grades 5-8.**
2. **Fall Soccer:** We have 140 total registrations for grades prek- 8th grade. Games will be on Saturday morning's. Grades 6-8 will have games on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. **Soccer begins this Saturday for all teams. Our middle school aged team will play Saturday and Wednesdays. All coaches have completed their background check in order to coach this season.**

- 3. Halloween Parade:** Sunday 10/20? or Saturday 10/26 with a rain date of 10/27? Registration at Lincoln? What is the parade route? What time should registration begin? **This year's halloween parade will be on Sunday 10/27. The parade will begin at the library parking lot and will march up Washington Ave, make a right on Dunellen Ave and a left onto Park Ave to Washington park. The parade begins at 1 Registration will begin at 12:00 in the library parking lot.**

Rain date: The parade will take place at Columbia Park at 6:00 pm .

- 4. Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone Ceremony:** September 23 at 5:00 pm at Columbia Park **Ceremony will begin at 5:00. The park will be closed for this event.**

G. Next Meeting: October 15, 2024

Upcoming Events:

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 Chris- 1st, Elena 2nd