

**Dunellen Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**December 9, @ 7:00 pm**

**Type of Meeting: Monthly Recreation Meeting @ the Senior Center.**

Meeting Facilitator: Jim Brennan

Commission Members: Jim Brennan (Facilitator), Chris Cashin, Kathy Wilson, Tim Howard, 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:** Jim Brennan, Chris Cashin, Kathy Wilson, Tim Howard, BJ Johnson, Grace Cordero, Jessica Dunne- Online Virtual. Absent: Elena Buccino

**C. Public Session:**

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

**E. Open Issues:**

**1. Christmas Tree Lighting**

- a. It took place on Friday, 12/6, at 6:30. Karl Geiger and his 5th-grade choir performed singalongs, and the Imperial Brass band also performed as they have in the past.
- b. Santa was escorted in by the Fire Department and arrived just before 7:00  
**The Sound was not great, but it was Karl's, not recs. We should use ours for next year. \$600 for imperial brass band. The band sounded great. The timing was good, and it clicked and flowed well. Maybe announce the sequence and lineup next year so people know when Santa will be there. No changes are needed.**

**F. New Issues:**

1. **Winter Flag Football:** began Sunday, 12/8. This year, it is a 10-week program from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. We currently have 20 registrations, and registrations are still being accepted. **6 HS kids helping out. Adult coaches volunteering. Mark Stein did QB drills with older kids.**
2. **Recreation basketball:** registration is open. This program is offered for kids in grades k-6 and will run for 8 weeks. The program begins on Jan 4th. We currently have 71 children registered. **Last year we had 89 total. Registration is still open.**
3. **House decorating contest:** Dec 17-22. House lights should be kept on until 10. We have yard signs for the houses this year. Who can help judge? Submissions will be due 12/23. **Right now we have 8 houses.**
4. **Santa around town:** This year, we will begin on the south side. We order cookies from Costco for Santa to toss. We will also get sandwiches from the hotel for Santa and EMS in the parade. **Lindens cookies have been ordered.**

- 5. Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon:** This year, the Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Firehouse on January 19. **Setup can begin at 12 and the lunch can begin at 1:30. Menu- Chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, green beans.**  
**Entertainment:** Leave cards on the table for seniors to write their favorite memory growing up for Christmas. Karl Geiger will be there to play singalongs for entertainment as well.  
**Gifts:** scratch-off tickets. Dollar store gifts.

Potential New Year's Eve celebration: Tim offered to set up the projector. We could use Rec soundsystem and play music from a phone. The ceremony could be from 5:30 to 6:30. The drop-off will be at 6 o'clock.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:22- Kathy 2nd: BJ**