

Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Agenda
January 13, @ 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, BJ Johnson **Alternates:** Jessica Dunne and Colin Hunt and Laura Ruskuski

Councilmember- Crisol-Iris Lantz (Council Liaison to the Recreation Department)

Recreation Director: Alex Miller

Recreation Program Coordinator: Kelly Seader

A. Call to Order:

B. Roll Call: Present- Jim Brennan, Kathy Wilson, Tim Howard, Chris Cashin **Absent:** BJ Johnson, Grace Cordero, Elena Buccino, Colin Hunt, Jessica Dunne

C. Public Session:

D. Follow up from the last meeting: Tim Howard accepts the minutes from last meeting, 2nd- Kathy

E. Open Issues:

- 1. Winter House Decoration Contest:** 340 Dunellen Avenue won the house decorating contest. They were visited by Santa first on his Christmas Eve tour. They also received a plaque and \$100 gift card for Zupkos. **Next year try different categories. Maybe pick a random house that is not registered and then a house that is registered. The random house would bring back the surprise factor. Next year promote with a banner– all of our holiday events can go on a banner for promotion. Also**
- 2. Santa Around Town:** Our Firefighters, police, EMS, and Mike Luthman participated in the parade. The cookie cost was \$1,500. Mike Luthman received a gift card from rec. **Can the cookies only get thrown by santa for next year? Maybe next year different houses can make a donation to the fire house and they can stop at that house.**
- 3. Basketball:** Began January 4th. K-6 meets on Saturday mornings. 5th and 6th grade meet on Monday nights and play competitive games. We have 90 kids enrolled. Enrollment: K-1st Grade 30 children, 2nd-4th Grade: 40 children, 5th-6th grade: 30 children **Kate Ruskuski is doing a great job running stations. The goal for this year is more touches and quicker rotations. It is well structured and some parents in the stands like the way it is going.**
- 4. Flag Football:** numbers are down from last year. We have 21 registered. The high school kids are helping out. The first 15 minutes are speed and agility, then skills, then a game. It is a 10-week program for \$40. Tim Howard is supervising the program.
- 5. Pickleball:** Tuesday night seems to be the heavier night. No complaints. We still use 3 courts.
- 6. Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon:** The Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Firehouse on January 19 at 1:30 PM. Who can help set up? **Jim, Kathy, Cole will be there to help out. Setup will begin at 12:00. Contact the churches about making an announcement.**

F. New Issues:

1. 2025 Meeting Schedule
2. 2025 Recreation Event Calendar **Need to address ways to improve participation for the Halloween parade.**

Upcoming Events: Next Meeting Monday, February 10 @ 7:00 PM
Meeting adjourned: 8:14- Chris, 2nd-Kathy