

**Dunellen Recreation Commission**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**February 10, @ 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:** 7:08

**B. Roll Call: Present:** Jim Brennan, Chris Cashin, Kathy Wilson, Tim Howard, Grace Cordero arrived 7:15

**Absent:** BJ Johnson, Elena has High School Practice

**C. Public Session:**

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

**E. Open Issues:**

1. **Senior Holiday Party:** 48 total people, beautiful setup. The firehouse was a beautiful venue. 275 people can fit in the hall. They had a built-in sound system, which was very helpful. A huge thank you to Sue Connolly for opening up the building and helped and stayed during set up. The food was delicious from the hotel. Karl Geiger Played music on the piano for entertainment, and the seniors enjoyed it. Seniors slightly prefer it to be on Sunday. Maybe provide foil for them to take home what's on their plate. Look at options for gift raffle to speed it up. Thank you to Tyler Mayer, Sulayman Khan, and Kate Ruskuski for helping out throughout the day.

**F. New Issues:**

1. **Welcome new Recreation Commission Member:** Colin Hunt. Colin has coached in our youth baseball program. Colin and his wife Nicole have two kids Ethan and Ellie who have been involved in our recreation programs for years such as soccer, baseball and summer camp.
2. **Reorganization:**
  - a. **Chair:** Tim nominates Jim, Jessica second, all in favor
  - b. **Vice Chair:** Jim nominates Kathy Wilson, Tim seconds it. All in favor.
3. **Baseball and Softball registration is open:** Opening day is April 26
  - a. **T-ball ages 4 & 5, and Coach Pitch ages 6-8 will play with Middlesex again, one weeknight game and one on Saturday mornings. Fees are the same as last year: \$50**
  - b. **Grades 1-5 will have a team in the Somerville League. Grades 6-8 will have a team depending on number of players. Last year we did not have a team at that grade level.**
4. **Tennis Registration is open: Saturday and Monday night classes are offered for kids ages 6-17. Coach Larry Dillon from USTA will be supervising the program.** Last year we had over 40 kids participating

5. **Track: Once the high school hires a track coach, I will meet with them about recreation track.**  
We need to make sure the track coach is on board because that is how this program will be successful.
6. **Summer Camp: Registration is open.** Summer camp registration is open camp will run 9 weeks from June 16 to August 15 from 8-3:00 PM with an aftercare option until 5:00. People can make a deposit or pay in full. This year we tried to offer an early bird special if they register by 2/14 they will get 15% off.
7. **Possible Bus Trip to Citi Field May 9, Mets vs Cubs** Look into if we need to put down a deposit on the bus or the tickets.

**Upcoming Events: Next Meeting Monday, March 10, 2025**

**Adjournment: Chris: 7:49, Kathy second**