

Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Agenda
September 8, @ 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: James Brennan, Chris Cashin, Kathy Wilson, Elena Buccino, BJ Johnson. Online: Grace Cordero and Jess Dunne. Absent: Tim Howard, Colin Hunt

D. Follow up from the last meeting:

E. Open Issues:

- 1. Summer Camp:** Camp ran for 9 weeks. We had over 50 registrations. Kate Ruskuski was the camp director and ran the camp with returning camp counselors. See attached sheet for expenses. **Many new campers joined us this year and at the end of the year many of those parents stated how they enjoyed the summer and will be back next year. They also commented on our flexibility with registration options- few days a week, week to week etc. What we took in will go in to next years program and supplies. We should not use summer camp money for HVAC. Summer camp money should just be used for the program.**
- 2. Senior Fall Picnic:** September 19, 2025 from 11:30-1:00 PM **The menu will be the same as in years past: Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Mac Salad, Potato Salad, baked beans, chips, soda, water, and a cake for dessert. It has been confirmed with the legion. David Starace will be cooking. No entertainment needed.**
- 3. Field Use:** June-July we brought in \$7,857 between USABL tournaments and Out of the Park Field use. USABL had tournaments 6/28-6/29 7/12-7/13 and 7/19-7/20. Tyler Mayer and Abby Burratti split the duties of the tournament field staff and were paid \$1,170 for 65 hours **Add an additional tournament for August.**

F. New Issues:

- 1. Fall Tennis:** Begins next week. Right now we have 14 total registrations. I anticipate that number increasing, especially now that school has begun, which usually helps to increase our numbers. **Tennis numbers will go up now that school is in session. Kate Ruskuski will be fillin in when she can. Larry will be coaching with Kate and Allison filling in.**
- 2. Fall Soccer:** We have a total of 144 registrations. That is 4 more than last year. Games will be on Saturday mornings. Grades 6-8 games will be on Thursday nights in Dunellen and Saturday mornings in Middlesex. We have 3 teams at that level, which is one more than last year. **All coaches have taken the borough background check. We are still in need of k-1 coaches. Grades k-3 will play Saturday mornings in Columbia Park. Grades 4-5 play in Middlesex and grades 6-8**

play in both towns. This year we'd like to do a Rec night at the varsity soccer game. He will pick a date and I will invite our rec players to go. After the game, maybe we can have the high school players sign the back of their shirts.

Upcoming Events: Next Meeting Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 PM at the Council Chambers
Adjournment: 7:59 Kathy 1st, Elena 2nd