

Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Agenda
October 14, @ 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: 7:03 PM

B. Roll Call: Present: James Brennan, Kathy Wilson, BJ Johnson, Jess Dunne and Tim Howard

Absent: Chris Cashin, Elena Buccino, Colin Hunt and Grace Cordero

D. Follow up from the last meeting:

E. Open Issues:

- 1. Senior Fall Picnic:** Took place on September 19, 2025 from 11:30-1:00 PM at the American Legion. We spent just under \$500. It was a beautiful day. **David Starace did the cooking. Does the legion have pop up tents we can use next year to provide shade oppose to moving the tables under the trees? We should not move tables underneath the trees due to the acorns and walnuts that were falling. It is dangerous.**
- 2. Tennis:** Rained out last night. Has one makeup session left. **Communication should be improved.**
- 3. Soccer:** Below are the breakdown numbers per grade level. **Reach out to Fanor to do a coaches clinic. Get started in March.**
 - a. Prek: 16
 - b. Grades K-1: 40 children
 - c. Grades 2-3: 32 children
 - d. Grades 4-5: 20 children
 - e. Grades 6-8: 44 children

F. New Issues:

- 1. Halloween Parade & Founder's Day:** Will be the same as last year. This year it will take place on Sunday 10/26. The parade will begin at the library parking lot and will march up Washington Ave, make a right on Dunellen Ave and a left into Washington park (at the corner of Dunellen Ave and Park Place) The parade begins at 1 Registration will begin at 12:00 in the library parking lot.
 - a. Who can help? Who can judge? **Need to come up with a better system.**
 - b. Grand Marshal: **Mrs. Anastasi. Need to get a sash. Can we ask mr. Androwski to be the driver**
- 2. Christmas Tree Lighting:** Sunday December 7 at 6:00 PM **Looking to decorate the park and gazebo with more lights this year.**
- 3. Improvements to Gavornik Park:** Preliminary designs are being completed by our engineers RVE. **We are waiting on DEP, because a good portion of the park is in a flood zone, the DEP has to review and approve them. The county is committed to splitting 50% of the cost.**

Upcoming Events: Next Meeting Monday November 10, 7:00 PM at the Senior Center

Adjournment: BJ- 8:09, Mrs. Wilson- 2nd