

**Dunellen Recreation Commission
Meeting Agenda
November 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:

B. Roll Call: James Brennan, Kathy Wilson, BJ Johnson, Tim Howard, Chris Cashin, Elena Buccino **Absent:** Jess Dunne, Colin Hunt and Grace Cordero

D. Follow up from the last meeting:

E. Open Issues:

1. **Halloween Parade & Founder's Day:** Took place on Sunday 10/26. Laura and Emily Murray were the grand marshals. **Laura and Emily Murray were very happy with being Grand Marshals. We surprised Emily Murray at aftercare by announcing her as the grand marshal. Next year we should plan an alternate route to maybe go down a side road to avoid not being able to close the road. Next September meeting we need to revisit the outline of the Halloween Parade. Thank you to the Fire department for their help, they brought 4 trucks and helped guide the parade to make it safe.**
2. **Christmas Tree Lighting:** Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 PM. The rain date will be Friday December 12 at 6:30 PM **The park will be decorated. DPW is in the process of repainting the wooden characters. This year we will try to add more light to the front of the park near Washington Ave, where the wooden structures are placed.**
3. **Soccer:** Wraps up this Saturday 11/15. **For the future, we will look into New Jersey Youth Soccer. Tim and Grace both have children in the program and highly recommend it. It is definitely something to consider for the future.**

F. New Issues:

1. **Recreation Basketball:** registration is now open. This program is offered for kids in grades k-6 and will run for 8 weeks. The program begins January 3. **It is too late to join the Somerville RIB league, but spoke to Somerville and told them that it is something we definitely want to participate in next year. Spoke with Middlesex, they have availability for us to play with their 1st and 2nd graders, but their older kids participate in the Somerville league.**
2. **Adult Pickleball:** begins tomorrow night 11/12 and will run until March 11 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 PM **Very popular winter sport. Elena Buccino and Maureen Barnett will be overseeing the program. Need a first aid kit to bring to the program.**

3. **House decorating contest:** Dec 15-19. House lights should be kept on until 10. We have yard signs for the houses. **Plaque, picture of the house and \$100 gift card for each, Santa and the Winner.**
4. **Santa Around Town:** This year we will begin on the north side of town. **Rec will be providing the cookies for Santa and sandwich platters for the EMS crew.**

Additional Notes/Comments:

1. **Get small first aid kits for our programs and coaches.**

Upcoming Events: Next Meeting Monday December 8, 7:00 PM at the Senior Center

Adjournment: 1st- Bj- 8:11, 2nd- Kathy.