

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – February 3, 2020

Chairperson Brian Sulewski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Notice Statement – The Notice Requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied by notification to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times and by posting with the Township Clerk and on the Delaware Township bulletin board on January XX, 2020.

Flag Salute – Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Judy Allen, Rebecca Burns, Charles Herman, Julie Luster-Roell, Steve Smotrich, Tim Soltis, Brian Sulewski, Linda Ubry

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of January 6, 2020 –Tim Soltis moved, Linda seconded, and members present approved the minutes as written from the meeting of January 6, 2020.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Summer Recreation Director Maegan Harrington was present to discuss this year's Summer Recreation Program. There is the possibility that the Program can not be held at Delaware Township School this summer due to proposed repairs and renovations. There are certain minimum facility requirements, so alternate sites must be reviewed in light of these needs. Maegan did not want a mediocre Program that would jeopardize the Program's reputation for next year. There was a lot of discussion about alternate sites, retaining budgeted funds for next year, and alerting parents early if the Program will not be held so they can plan alternate child care/recreation for their children. Linda thought DTS would try to free up a week or two for the Program. Members agreed that the Program could only be successfully held at DTS. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

FISHING DERBY – MAY 16, RAINDATE MAY 17

Tim Soltis said the Fishing Derby will be held on May 16th (raindate May 17th) at the Copelands' Pond. The Fishing Derby Committee will meet on February 10th to plan this event.

REPORTS:

Teens

Members agreed to ask the Commission's Teen Advisors to assist with various events. When they present and plan an event, the Commission will support their activities.

DTS BOE – Rebecca said there is nothing new to report.

DTAA

DTAA will sponsor an Apps and Taps fundraiser on March 28th. Spring Opening Day of Baseball/Softball season will be April 25th. The new scoreboard will be also be dedicated.

OPEN SPACE

Steve said there is nothing new to report from the Open Space Committee.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – There were no applications for the Commission to review and approve.

COMMITTEES:

Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 11th beginning at 1 p.m. Julie said the Girl Scouts will again stuff the eggs. She will order the candy and prizes. Rebecca said she may be able to get the Cub Scouts to assist with hiding eggs.

Yard Sale – May 16th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a Sunday May 17th rain date

Fishing Derby – Previously discussed.

Plant Swap – June 6 - Jes Stahl is planning the Plant Swap at the Dilts Farm Park.

Campout/Bonfire – Tim Soltis suggested September 12th for the campout/bonfire at the Dilts Park following the Fall Fireworks. The request to the Township Committee would include an extension of the Park hours and BYOB. Members agreed a subcommittee may be needed to plan this event.

Great Crate Race – July 4th

Summer Recreation Program – A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

Fall Fireworks – September 12th

Community Day/Block Party – October, October 3rd

Holiday Decorating Contest – Rebecca suggested holding a community tree lighting this year on Sunday, December 13th. Members agreed a donated evergreen might be planted on the Sergeantsville Green. She suggested posting the decorating contest registrants' addresses on the Township website in advance so that the community can vote on the winners who would be announced at the tree lighting. She will work out the details.

OLD BUSINESS

Adult and Teen Recreation at DTS – These activities are ongoing.

Ice Rink – Steve said warm winter weather to date has prevented the Rink's installation.

Dilts Farm Park – Ethan Gillespie hopes to start work on the bocce courts at the Dilts Farm Park this week. Charlie said most of the disease affected ash trees have been removed at the Park. The Township will apply for a reforestation grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report – Members reviewed the January Commission Financial report provided by Chief Financial Officer Diane McDaniel.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.