

Delaware Township Recreation Commission Minutes – June 1, 2020 via Zoom
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 May 19, 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
Absent: Connor Devlin, Kristin, Devlin, Tim Drew, Aden Ricci, Toby Ruttenberg

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of May 18, 2020 – Steve Smotrich moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 18, 2020, Charles Herman seconded the motion, and members approved the minutes with one abstention by Judy Allen.

Bocce Court and Picnic Tables by Playground at Dilts Farm Park

Tim reported that Ethan Gillespie completed the Bocce Court and built a cabinet for equipment. The dedication will take place in the future. The Shade Tree Commission is searching for grant funds to replace the four ash trees by the playground.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The 2020 Summer Recreation Program is cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

REPORTS

Teens – No Report

Board of Education – Rebecca reported that repairs at Delaware Township School have begun. The Board is reviewing the possibility of some sort of graduation ceremony after July 15th as authorized by Governor Murphy. She said State funding to schools will be reduced. A required school re-entrance plan is being prepared. Two surveys seeking information on the school climate and on-line learning will be sent to families.

DTAA – Charlie said there may be the possibility of some type of tournament level baseball later this season. Any such play will comply with State restrictions.

Open Space – Steve said the Open Space Committee will meet on June 15th.

APPROVAL OF DILTS FARM PARK APPLICATIONS – No applications to review.

COMMITTEES:

Egg Hunt – Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Yard Sale – Rescheduled to September 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a Sunday September 13th rain date. Judy will order new signs.

Fishing Derby – Cancelled due to Covid-19. Tim said everything will be rescheduled for 2021. The fishing pond will be stocked with blue gills only.

Plant Swap – June 6th – Cancelled due to Covid-19. Rescheduled for October 3rd.

Great Crate Race – Cancelled on July 4th due to Covid-19. Steve said some modified version, perhaps racing only, may be held in the fall.

Fall Fireworks – September 12th – Brian reported that the cost for a fireworks display similar to last year's would cost between \$6,000 and \$6,500. Members agreed to request a similar display. Brian will check with Brian Stritzki about a possible plane flyover as he did last year. Members discussed dedications of the scoreboard at the Field of Dreams and the Bocce Court that evening.

Community Day/Block Party – October, October 3rd – Brian will request portable lights from Hunterdon County. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

Holiday Decorating Contest – This event may be expanded and is in the planning stages.

Ice Rink – Rink not installed due to a warm winter.

Adult and Teen Recreation at DTS – Judy will submit the request to DTS for these activities to begin in October.

Dilts Farm Park – Charlie said the Department of Public Works double seeded soccer fields. The former Spring House at the Park is in serious disrepair. The DPW will remove it unless there are objections. Brian will call Jay Trstensky about repairs to the cracks in the basketball court.

NEW BUSINESS –

Scavenger Hunt – Rebecca and her husband Brendan presented a proposal for a Township scavenger hunt they named “7 Wonders of Delaware Township” that would possibly include historical and agricultural sites. They said residents would solve clues and find the sites to participate in this competition. They discussed different options and approaches including some type of recognition for those successfully completing the hunt. The Township's website and social media would be used. Members liked the idea. More information will be presented at the July 6th meeting.

Drive-In Movie – Brian provided information from a company that supplies a large inflatable movie screen and a sound system for a drive-in movie at a cost of \$2,000 to \$2,500. The Township would select a movie, possibly from someone's DVD collection, and pay for the rights to show it to the public. Members discussed how a movie could be shown, probably at the Dilts Farm Park, while maintaining social distancing. August 1st is a tentative date. This event will be discussed in greater depth at the July 6th meeting.

Next Meeting – Monday, July 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Julie will set up the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.