

Recreation Commission
November 1, 2022

Members Present: Rich Daubenspeck, Steve Coates, John Quigley, Darlene Perna

Members Absent: Sheryl Neely, Bernie Simkins

Alternates Present: Mike Marsh

Alternates Absent: Jim Kelly, Teresa Six,

Guest Present: Joe Bilinski, Patty Mayhew, (Jessica Jillard, Haley Sodaitis, Marlene Maloney-
from Delsea Knights Football organization)

The November Meeting was called to order by Chairman Daubenspeck at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Building on Main Road.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Christmas at the Center event to be held on December 3, 2022.

It was noted that the fencing along the Railroad Station down to the cross walk was in need of repairs. It was suggested that perhaps it should all be replaced. Members reviewed the flyer for the event, which will be emailed out to all the schools.

The following items were decided:

1. Carol will contact the Garden Club to see if they will be selling ornaments.
2. The Franklinville Inn will be contacted to see if they plan to take part.
3. The Skating Rink has been booked, free skating, rental fee for skates if needed.
4. Carol will check with the Church to see if they want donations collected for the food bank.
5. Rich will contact the Unity Committee to see if they plan to take part.
6. The Boy Scouts are on board to help with the bond fire and s'mores.
7. Members will meet on November 25th at 9:00 a.m. to decorate, anyone is welcome to attend.
8. Rich will check on costumes for characters.
9. Christmas trees will be needed for the lakeside and the Railroad Station loading dock for Santa.
10. The Fire Company will deliver Santa.

The Senior Citizens Party will be December 4th from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The Delsea Students will assist as needed.

It was reported it cost \$500.00 for the helicopter to fly to Community Day. The company handled all the ticket sales and funds collected. They want to return next year and bring 2 helicopters. The Monster Truck also sold their own tickets and retained their funds, it was an attraction at no cost to the Recreation Commission.

Joe Bilinski discussed sending out thank you flyers and save the date notices in January, to be followed up with a registration form about a month later. The items could be emailed. A sample was reviewed by members. He stressed that we should inform donors that we would only be doing one fund raiser and that we should purchase items for the basket auction to be held at the golf tournament.

Chairman Daubenspeck stated that he would do hot dogs outside, as he did last year. He suggested that the Platinum donors should get one team in the tournament for their donation.

Carol questioned if we were going to do the coin drop again.

Chairman Daubenspeck confirmed that the Coin Drop would be held again and was always successful.

It was noted that we could book 144 golf foursomes, last year we had 115 foursomes. Members felt we could possibly max out the number of foursomes in 2023.

Committeeman Dave Deegan informed members this was his last year on the Township Committee, he decided not to run again. He thanked the Commission members for allowing him to participate in Recreational activities and programs. He stated he Recreation Commission was a great people to work one and thanked everyone once again.

Carol thanked Committee Deegan and informed him he was still always welcome to participate in the Commission's activities.

Marlene Maloney, Jessica Jillard and Haley Sodaitis, parents from the Delsea Knights organization, appeared before the Committee to question where the \$300.00 registration funds go.

Mr. Marsh informed the parents that the football helmets alone cost \$700.00 per helmet.

Chairman Daubenspeck noted that the \$300.00 registration fee was actually cheap considering the cost of equipment, in addition to helmets, shoulder pads could run \$200.00, plus the cost of the uniforms. The season runs from August until the end of October and cost perhaps \$12.00 per week per child. He added that the Football program was held together with a "shoe string" group of volunteers and Gina does the majority of the work. He explained that when Gina set up meetings no one attended. He stated that every organization has experienced ups and downs over the years. They need a working board to run the organization and the paper work is due in January for the next season.

The parents stated that there were no Board Meetings and asked how that was ok. They said they were never asked to help, except for one time. One parent noted they planned for Home Coming and was told she stepped on Gina's toes. The parents stressed the fact that they wanted to help and that there should be someone in charge of the snack stand.

Mr. Marsh and Chairman Daubenspeck offered to help set up a meeting for the parents of the football organization.

The parents thanked the Commission for their attention to their concerns and assistance.

Upon motion by Mr. Marsh seconded by Mrs. Perna and carried the meeting was ordered adjourned at 8:30 p.m. All members voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn, Secretary